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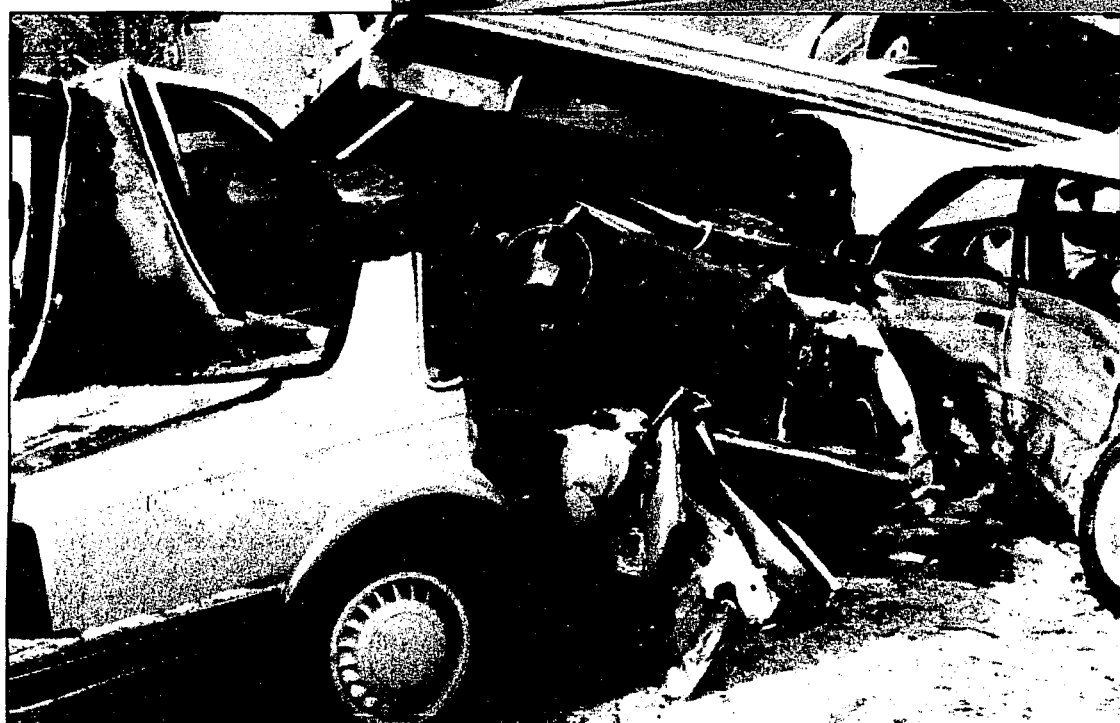
White out causes 125 car pile-up

YEAR-END DISASTER

(Right) Vehicles as far as the eye could see were involved in what some law enforcement officials are calling the worst multi-car accident in northern Michigan history. Rescue workers, motorists, and concerned citizens that came on the scene to see if they could help, start the process of cleaning up the northbound lanes of I-75, about one mile south of the Frederic/Lewiston exit. (Below) Several vehicles crashed into each other, raising a flatbed snowmobile trailer off the ground. The New Year's Eve accident claimed one life. Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely and officials at both Grayling Mercy Hospital and Otsego Memorial Hospital agreed that the proper use of seat belts, infant/child car seats and airbags directly contributed to the low incidence of severe injuries and death in this accident. Alcohol was not a factor.



Accident photos furnished by the Michigan State Police - Gaylord Post



by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A sudden white-out near Frederic caused, at last count, more than 125 cars and trucks to careen into each other or slide off of the northbound lanes of I-75 on New Year's Eve, leaving the roadway littered with debris that included unopened Christmas gifts.

At about 11:54 a.m. on December 31, Crawford County Central Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a two-car accident on northbound I-75. A Sheriff's Patrol Unit was sent to the scene and upon his arrival, Officer Tim Coe reported

that a snow white out suddenly occurred.

Employees at *The Avalanche* were listening to a police scanner and said Coe gave a desperate plea for the freeway to be shut down as he found himself among cars losing control and piling up near the 263 mile marker in Maple Forest Township in Crawford County.

The northbound lanes of I-75 were closed to avoid adding any more vehicles to the crash. Emergency crews from Northflight

EMS, Frederic EMS, Oscoda EMS and Otsego EMS arrived within minutes to begin treating injured motorists, as law enforcement officials, as well as volunteer rescue personnel from all over northern Michigan, began extracting victims from vehicles that were, in some instances, piled three-high.

More than 50 victims were transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling and Otsego Memorial

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Pile-up keeps local towing companies busy

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The recent 125-car pile-up on I-75 meant a lot of extra work for local towing companies this weekend, and the wreckage still is in the process of being sorted out.

Jeff Riker, owner of Riker Towing, and Joe Dunkley, owner of Bulldog Towing Inc., both said that their companies are now in the process of sorting through the wreckage, going over information with insurance companies, and

transporting vehicles to repair shops or the scrapyard.

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Many vehicles were taken to the

Frederic Elementary School from the I-75 accident site.

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"The Sheriff's Department did a pretty good job," said Riker. "I don't want to criticize them, I imagine it was a little overwhelming."

Riker said that if something like this were to ever happen again, keeping a list of vehicle locations would be one aspect to improve upon.

"Hopefully we won't see another one," said Riker, "although with the possibility of whiteout and the rate of speed people go out there, I don't know. I just hope we don't."

"I guess we're pretty lucky," added Riker. "I heard of only one death at the scene. That's amazing."

Corlew selected as new County Board Chairperson

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

At their first regular board meeting on January 5, the newly seated Crawford County Board of Commissioners selected Lynnette Corlew of District #4 as their Chairperson.

District #5 Commissioner Beth Wieland was selected as Vice-Chairperson. She will also serve as Chairperson to the Ways & Means Committee.

Harold "Tike" Golnick, District

#1 Commissioner was selected to serve as Chairman to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman of District #3 was selected as Chairperson to the county's Personnel and Labor Committee.

A full list of the Commissioner's 1999 assignments can be obtained at the County Clerk's office in the Crawford County Courthouse Building located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Sheriff still looking for more accident victims

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department is urging any motorists that were involved in the December 31 accident on northbound I-75 in Maple Forest Township and have not filed a police report to please do so by calling their nearest law enforcement agency.

"We have received calls from as far away as St. Ignace from people who were involved in the accident but were afraid to stop and drove on to their destination," said Sheriff David Lovely. "We need this information for the official report we must compile."

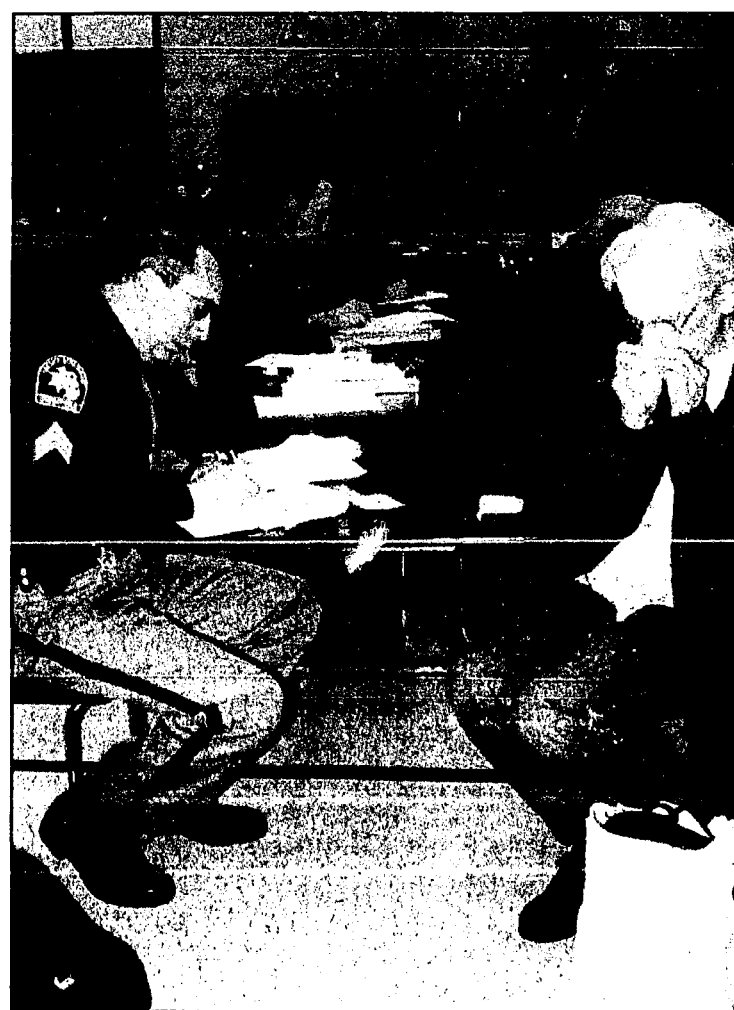


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

JOINT EFFORT - Sheriff's deputies from several counties, including Crawford, joined together at the temporary shelter set up at Frederic Elementary School to take care of the necessary paperwork following the New Year's Eve pile-up.

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What the victims had to say

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

At the temporary shelter set up in the Frederic Elementary School cafeteria and gymnasium, victims of the massive accident on northbound I-75 gathered and shared some thoughts.

Tom Solak, 30, was travelling with his wife Lynne and his large Rottweiler, Bronx, from their home in Avon Lake, Ohio to visit his in-laws in the Upper Peninsula town of Garden for the holidays when the accident occurred.

Driving a Chevy Lumina, he said, "We were driving along at a pretty good speed when there was a white out of snow. We hit ice and then saw a lot of brake lights. I think I was the 15th to 20th car in the pile-up."

Solak said that he believes his car is a total loss.

Elaine Lockitski of White Lake said, "There was a chain reaction accident. Then there was a break, and then another chain reaction."

Cindy Peters of Marlette was travelling to Onaway with her little daughter Kristina in a F-150 Ford Pick-up driven by Peters' brother John Wright. Peters said the only thing on the truck that was not smashed was a door.

They suffered no injuries and Wright said they used their seat belts and Kristina was in a car safety seat with the passenger side air bag turned off.

"We were at the 263.5 mile marker when we were hit," said Wright.

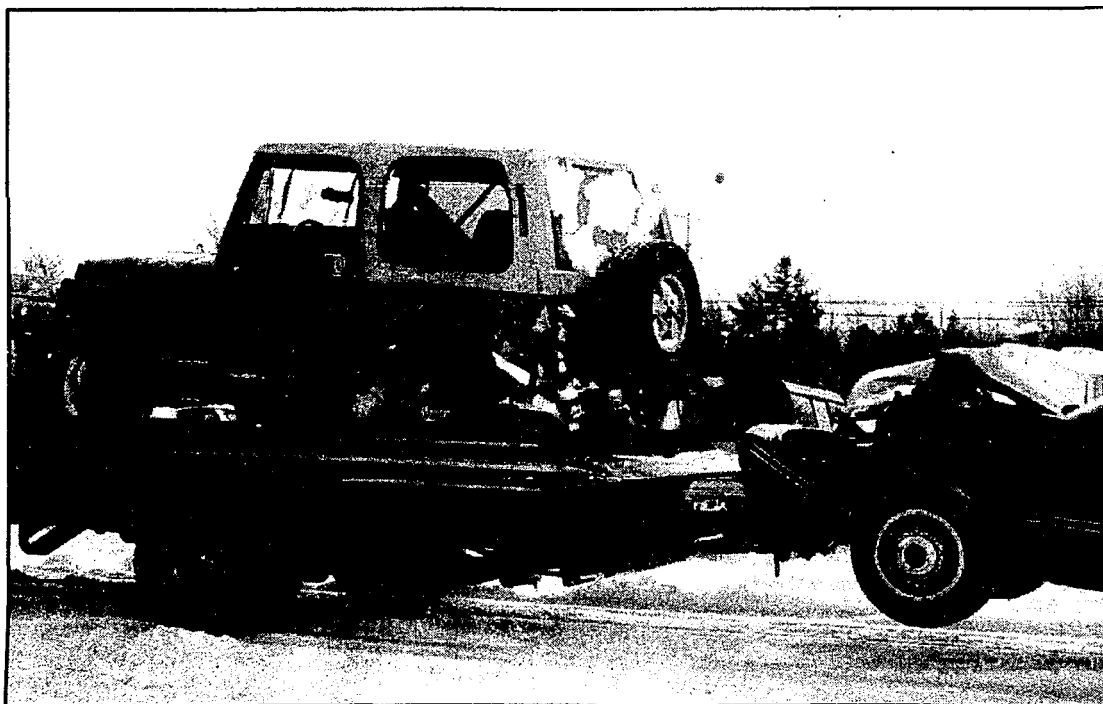
"I saw several little kids out there," said Peters. "But, everyone worked together. The emergency response was fabulous and unbelievable."

Kathy Meyer of Bloomfield Hills was riding with her husband in a Jeep Cherokee. She said, "It sounded like we were in the middle of Iraq or Beirut. I keep wondering how we could be so lucky. There were so many people that were hurt out there."

Of the emergency response, Meyer said, "It was the most



VICTIMS OF ALL AGES - (From left) Cindy Peters of Marlette, helps her little daughter, Kristina, with a cup of apple juice provided by volunteers at the shelter. Sharing the table with them were Robert and Dorey Rogers of Dimondale.



BIG TOWING JOB BEGINS - The first two vehicles arrive from the scene of the accident. Towing companies from Crawford and surrounding counties helped tow vehicles to Frederic Elementary School to allow victims to collect their personal belongings.

incredible thing."

Robert and Dorey Rogers, senior citizens from Dimondale, were on their way to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in their 1996

Chrysler Town & Country when they became involved in the chaos.

"I got up far enough off the road to avoid the accident," said

Mr. Rogers. "Then we got out and ran for the woods and all we could hear was the bang, bang, bang of the cars smashing into one another."

John Doe is home visiting his parents, Jane Smith just had a baby boy, The Jones were in town for the holidays... **Let us know what is going on.** Submit your hometown news. It may just make it in print, in our Hometown News column. Drop it off at the Crawford County Avalanche or mail it in.

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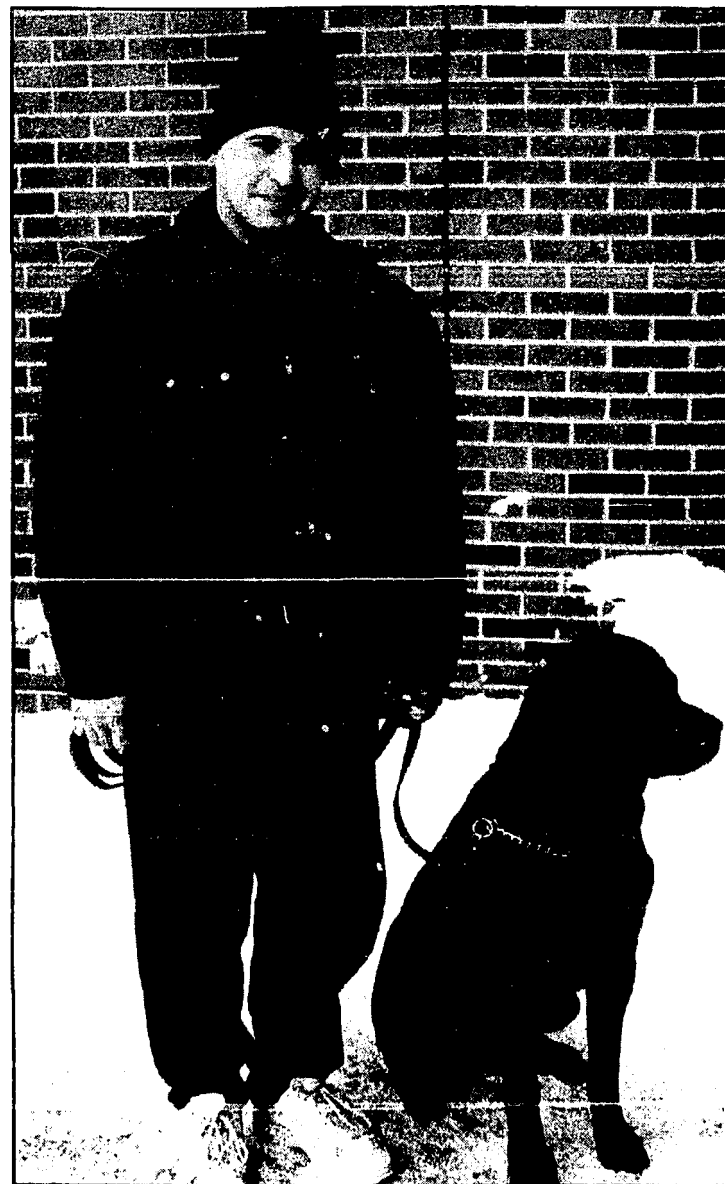
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4. San Francisco	14. No
5. Yes	15. Wisconsin
6. Wisconsin	16. Ohio St.
7. Ohio St.	17. Florida
8. Florida	18. Tennessee (39)
9. Tennessee (39)	19. Miami
10. Miami	20. Jacksonville

Week #18 Final Football Contest Winner

Candace Grigsby

• Won with tie breaker over Paul Compo.



Photos by Cheryll Ruley

VICTIMS SEEK SHELTER - Tom Solak of Avon Lake, Ohio and his dog Bronx were taken by Dial-A-Ride to Frederic Elementary to seek shelter from the cold following the pile-up. Many pets came to the shelter, including a Dalmatian, a German Shepherd, a Morris-type cat and a little Pekingese dog. Sheriff David Lovely stated that a pet rabbit had died as the result of the accident.

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Hospital in Gaylord for treatment.

One man died from injuries he received in the crash. Gary Hadwin, 58, of Holt was killed and his wife Peggy remains in critical, but stable condition at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Michigan State Police Trooper James Volant said Hadwin was driving an Oldsmobile and was one of the last cars involved in the crash.

Wreckers from four counties worked for hours to clear the freeway of damaged vehicles, as well as 40-50 snowmobiles and trailers, hauling them to a temporary shelter set up by the Red Cross at Frederic Elementary School, so that the owners could gather their possessions.

Red Cross workers stationed at the school helped feed and comfort approximately 200 crash victims that were shuttled to the school by Crawford County Transportation Authority Dial-A-Ride buses.

According to Crawford County Deputy Art Clough and Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, the Crawford County Emergency Management Team assisted by Michigan State Police 7th District Supervisor Mike Tillie, along with Central Dispatchers, answered over 500 calls concerning the accident, including those from the media and



Photo furnished by the Michigan State Police - Gaylord Post

ASSESSING THE DAMAGE - Law enforcement officials start mapping the vehicles in order to discover the sequence of effects in the massive pile-up on I-75, New Year's Eve 1998.

people trying to locate loved ones.

Approximately 11 county sheriff's departments, two police departments, four Michigan State Police

Posts and many DNR Conservation officers assisted in mutual aid at the scene and then at the school, to gather information for the massive

police report that just happened to be the last accident complaint report filed by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department in 1998.

Local accident victim recounts drama of pile-up

With over 125 vehicles involved in what has been called by some law enforcement officials as the worst pile-up in northern Michigan history, many personal stories are born.

The following is one of those stories, recounted by Grayling resident, Trudy Knipe, 51, a victim of the crash. She was driving a tiny 1997 Ford Aspire that miraculously came out of the incident physically unscathed, as she did, and still running.

On Thursday, December 31, 1998 my youngest sister Ruby Miller (from River Rouge) and I started out for Gaylord in order to buy a snow machine part.

"We were going to take Old 27, but I told Ruby the expressway (I-75) would be a better road to take. We were only on I-75 a few minutes when, all of a sudden, I drove into a white-out.

"Then, it started clearing some, where we could see ahead a little bit. We could see several vehicles were in the ditch and some had hit

each other.

"At this point I was getting pretty nervous. Ruby said to pull over, she would drive. So, I did. She got out of the car and I was going to get out of the car when I looked in my outside mirror and saw a van that was coming pretty fast.

"So, I was going to wait for the van to go by me when, all of a sudden, Ruby was screaming to me to get out of the car right now. By this time another van had pulled over right behind me.

"I got out and all I could hear was crashing sounds. Behind the van was a truck with snow machines on a trailer, which had been hit.

"I started screaming and Ruby and I both started running down the embankment. Crash after crash was happening. We stopped and all we could see were vehicles crashing right before our eyes.

"Then, there was this huge, white semi truck and it looked just like it was coming toward us. Just the truck started to jack knife and, as it was whipping around, it hit a little

white car in the back end, tumbling the car over the embankment.

"I started running for the woods. I was running for my life at that point. Then a few seconds later, another blue semi truck came through. At this point I guess I jumped the fence and Ruby came trying to get me calmed down, from what she told me.

"I remember putting my hands over my ears, thinking I wouldn't hear the crashings, the horns blowing, people screaming, babies, children and dogs crying. 'Oh, God,' I kept screaming, 'Help us all.'

"Ruby, at this time, was running up the embankment, screaming for people to get out of their cars and run down the embankment. I guess they were probably so scared and in shock that they couldn't move.

"If anybody ever saw the movie, The Terminator, that's what it looked like with the semis. We could still hear the crashings going on even after we couldn't see them anymore.

"I was able to help some after that. I went and tried huddling with a mother and her children, standing in the snow, while her husband went to get blankets. Then, I looked back where I had jumped the fence. There were three small children standing together crying in the freezing cold. They had no hats and no mittens. I ran back to them and convinced them that it would be okay and had them come with me.

"I took them to where the mother and children were and by that time the husband was there with a big cover that shielded the group some

from the wind and snow.

"I started back up the embankment to see if I could see my sister, Ruby. After a while I saw her and she said that she had been helping people.

"I remember at one point my hands were so cold I couldn't hardly feel them. The I realized that I had gloves in my pocket.

"Afterwards, I was talking to the owner of the van in back of my car and he said that he had looked back just in time to see the white semi and knew at that point he and his wife were going to die. Suddenly it was just inches away from the side of his van and kept on sliding and then rolled over...

"Believe it or not, my car was still running and not touched after all of this. What happened that day will be with Ruby and me, and all the other people that were there, for the rest of our lives.

"What happened in a few minutes seemed like hours at the time. It's like it wasn't real -- something a person would see in a movie.

"I feel so awful for all of the other people that weren't as lucky as we were. We did a lot of praying that day. Ruby said our guardian angel was with us that day."

Ruby Miller was interviewed by a Detroit television station soon after the accident. According to Knipe, the interview was heard as far away as Mexico, where a friend of the family heard the broadcast and called to see if her sons, who were staying with Knipe family members, were alright. Everyone there is fine.

Hospitals' disaster plans work

by Cheryl Ruley Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital in Grayling and Osego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord put their mandatory disaster plans to the test on December 31, when the injured were brought to their emergency rooms from the 125 car accident on I-75.

"Because the first responders did so well at the scene, our job was made easier," said Diane Friedreichsen, Director of Community Relations at Mercy. "We were thrilled by the outcome of using the plan."

Mercy treated 24 patients, releas-

ing 20 after treatment and admitting four. One patient remains at Mercy in critical, but stable condition.

OMH Chief Nursing Officer Janine Diebel said everything went smoothly during their disaster plan, too.

Diebel reported that 15 accident victims were treated, with one staying overnight for observation.

Both hospital officials stated that most victims were treated for minor injuries such as bumps, bruises, scrapes and lacerations. They also stated that off-duty staff members stayed on to comfort the victims and their family members.

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MKT316	Sales Management	Tues.	6-9:25
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MGT375	Organizational Dynamics	Wed.	6-9:25
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COM122	College Writing II	Thurs.	6-9:25
FIN340	Corporate Finance	Thurs.	6-9:25
HIS202	American History 1820-1900	Thurs.	6-9:25
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Take a look at what's right in America

AS WE END one year and begin another, a standard American practice is to take stock of what we are, where we are, and where we might be going.

It's sort of a soul-searching version of the tradition of New Year's resolutions.

It's easy to dwell on the negative -- what's wrong with my life, what's wrong with the world.

But there's plenty on the positive side, too, if only we have sense enough to recognize truth.

We live in a pretty amazing country, with a pretty amazing history.

Our Constitution has stood up for more than 200 years with only relatively minor tinkering. Of course, equal rights amendments following the War Between the States and voting rights for women are not minor tinkering by any means, but the fact is that the basic Constitution, with its Bill of Rights, has stood the test of time unmatched in any other modern nation.

The Civil War, in fact, may well have fractured many countries beyond repair, but the United States survived it, which is tribute to the men and women who steered the nation in the 1800's just as the origins of the United States are tribute to the men and women who envisioned and fought for the new nation in the 1700's.

IT WAS NOT easy going in those days.

"Consider that 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence. Five were captured or imprisoned in the war that followed. Nine died of wounds or hardships. Twelve lost their homes. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Every

last one of them was hunted. Most were driven into hiding. They were offered immunity, rewards, the return of their property or freedom of their loved ones if they would desert their cause. Not one did. Not one broke that pledge."

These claims were part of a promotion some time ago by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which focused on "What's Right With America."

Would leaders of our nation today, and the rest of us, have the mettle and the resolve to persevere as our founders did? One must wonder.

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informed opinion -- and a growing concern for personal, governmental and commercial ethics and behavior.

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-- Extraordinary technical and scientific talent, constantly working to improve our living standards and expand our knowledge of ourselves, our world and the universe.

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THAT'S HOW the U.S. Chamber sized up things 20-plus years ago, and the analysis holds up pretty well today. We may have criticisms here and there, but by and large -- like our U.S. Constitution -- on balance we still come out all right.

We repeat here the advice offered when we first explored these themes in The Almanack in the 1970's:

"When we look into the future, toward the towering problems and challenges that face our nation, our community, our families, ourselves, it is encouraging to take a look at what's right with America, instead of automatically concentrating on what's wrong."

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Business improvements add to Grayling's image

To the editor,

We would like to say how much we appreciate Cartwright & Danewell, Karp's Cabinets, and Farm Bureau Insurance for building or remodeling existing structures in a style that adds so much to our town's image.

So much imagination and effort really does contribute to the "Heart of the North" feeling of Grayling.

We wish you much success in the years to come.

Debby & Jim Golden
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

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Poll shows Americans are hopeful on the brink of a new millennium

Optimism is tempered by concerns over values, technology, Shell Poll SM finds

Americans are approaching the new millennium with more hope than dread for the future, though their optimism is tempered by concerns about a decline in morality and basic values and an uncertainty about the growth of technology. And as the 20th Century draws to a close, they place great importance on the achievements made in the past 100 years.

These are among the major findings of the newest edition of "The Shell Poll," a quarterly opinion survey of Americans conducted for Shell Oil Company by Peter D. Hart Research Associates.

Two-thirds of Americans said they were optimistic and hopeful about the future for themselves and their family. When asked to describe their feelings regarding the coming of the new millennium, more Americans (30%) said "hope" than anything else. Nearly a quarter said "curiosity," while only 6 percent said "worry" and just 1 percent said "dread." They are slightly less optimistic about the future of the country as a whole, with just 58 percent describing themselves as hopeful about the nation's future.

"The portrait that emerges in this study is of a citizenry that is both satisfied and proud of what has been accomplished in this century and hopeful and optimistic about what could be accomplished in the century ahead," said Peter D. Hart. "But behind this broad picture of satisfaction, Americans have some very real concerns about the future."

When selecting from a list of

choices, a solid majority of Americans believe both race relations (57%) and physical fitness (52%) will be better 30 years from now, while more believe the standard of living will be higher (43%) than think it will be worse (27%). Americans aren't as optimistic about respect for values and morality: 45 percent think values will be worse in the years ahead. They also worry about the crime rate, with far more (47%) saying it will be worse in 30 years than better (28%).

Surprisingly, young people aren't as optimistic about the future of their older counterparts. Americans under age 35 are very optimistic about their own lives (69%), but only a slim majority (52%) feel good about the prospects for the nation, with 45 percent expressing pessimism. On the other hand, 62 percent of Baby Boomers say they're optimistic, while just 34 percent describe themselves as pessimistic.

Further, Americans expect our daily lives to undergo substantial change. Nine in 10 believe cash will disappear, to be replaced by electronic cards; nearly eight in 10 expect informal attire to be the norm in offices; almost two-thirds believe the traditional summer break for students will be replaced by a year-round schedule; nearly three-fourths think there will be more than two major political parties; and 55 percent believe fathers will spend as much time and energy raising children as mothers.

More than six in 10 think the

United States will remain the world's greatest power in the 21st Century, while 42 percent believe there's a better than even chance the country will be involved in a major war in the next 30 years. In fact, more Americans (39%) list global war as their greatest fear for the future than any other potential crisis, even though a large majority (77%) cite terrorist attacks as a greater threat to the country than military conflict with another nation.

Health:

Americans have great confidence about the future of health care. A majority of Americans believe several diseases and illnesses - including spinal cord injuries, diabetes, hepatitis, food-borne diseases, cancer, AIDS, herpes, multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease - will be cured within 30 years. When asked to name which disease should receive the most research funding in that period, 48 percent chose cancer, making it far and away the top choice over the second highest funding priority: AIDS (22%).

Technology:

People have more conflicting feelings toward technology. Despite the major technological advancements of the 20th Century, 55 percent say technology will be an equally positive and negative force in the future. And even though a majority believes there's a good chance scientists will clone human beings in the next 30 years, a large number (58%) say that possibility is what they dread most about living in the next century. Americans rate the computer as being the most significant technological development of the 20th Century, with almost twice as many citing it as its closest competitor, the automobile.

Y2K:

Americans are very well aware of the "Y2K" computer problem. Nearly eight in 10 say they know about it, while almost a third say it is a very serious problem. When given a list of potential problems that could result from "Y2K" computer malfunctions, more Americans (30%) are worried Social Security and other government benefits won't be provided. Just more than one in five are more worried by the prospect of losing banking and insurance company records because of "Y2K."

The 20th Century:

When asked to name one or two

of the most important changes in America during the past 100 years, 58 percent said improvements in medicine and technology, while 30 percent cited the growth of civil rights for African-Americans and nearly a quarter said legal and social equality for women. Interestingly, the combined number who said the growth of civil rights for African-Americans and social equality for women (54%) is nearly equal to the number who said improvements in medicine and technology. Far fewer named the United States' becoming a super power, the country's economic expansion and the growth of the federal government as being the most significant changes.

Other interesting findings include:

• Americans expect the biggest changes to be in education over the next 30 years. When asked to name one or two areas where great change will take place, 45 percent said education, while nearly a quarter said the workplace and politics. Further, 36 percent selected "improvements in education" as one of their greatest hopes for the future from a list of choices, ranking it ahead of "less crime" (34%) and better race relations (29%).

• Thirty percent say the development of penicillin and other antibiotics is the greatest medical breakthrough of the 20th Century, while nearly a quarter said organ transplants and just more than one in five said the discovery of DNA.

• When asked to name which 20th Century household invention would be the hardest to live without, 57 percent said the refrigerator, choosing it over air conditioning, the washing machine, microwave oven, dishwasher and vacuum cleaner.

• A large number of Americans think Michael Jordan, Bill Cosby and Oprah Winfrey will be remembered in 30 years. On the other hand, substantial majorities believe Leonardo DiCaprio, Roseanne and George Clooney will be forgotten.

• Large numbers of Americans believe long-standing institutions such as the Red Cross (93%), Harvard University (90%), Coca-Cola (89%), Major League Baseball (79%), and the U.S. Postal Service (78%) and The New York Times (72%) still will be around at the end of the 21st Century.

• Nearly half believe Biblical prophecies can accurately predict

the future, while slightly more than one in five think the Farmer's Almanac is as astute fortune-teller. Twenty-one percent say astrologers can predict the future, and 16 percent believe psychics can. Just one in 10 think pollsters can do so.

• Almost seven in 10 believe there's a good chance women will earn as much as men 30 years from now, though more men (82%) think so than women (57%).

• When given a choice from a list of potential future breakthroughs, more Americans (35%) would prefer to see medical advances that would create safe and foolproof birth control than would help develop weight-control medication (30%). Twelve percent chose advances in anti-aging skin products, while 7 percent would prefer breakthroughs in hair-loss prevention.

• Four in 10 believe people will retire later than they do now, while just more than a quarter think they will retire earlier.

• Forty percent think patriotism is the American character trait most likely to disappear in 30 years, making it the top choice among a list including belief in personal freedom, belief in personal freedom, belief in equality and belief in free enterprise.

• Americans expect women's basketball and soccer to gain in popularity. More believe football, baseball, basketball and hockey just will maintain their current levels of popularity.

ularity.

• Most think letter writing and the tradition of mothers staying home to raise children will disappear in 30 years, but a majority believes large department stores, movie theaters and laundromats still will exist.

Shell is sponsoring the poll as a way to foster dialogue among Americans about substantive issues, values, and lifestyles. The poll is an extension of the company's "Count on Shell" campaign to provide reliable and accurate information to consumers. Future surveys will explore other public policy issues, trends and topics raised by Shell customers and the public.

The Shell Poll is conducted by the Washington, D.C. based survey research firm Peter D. Hart Research Associates. Telephone interviews were conducted November 5-8, 1998. The survey results are based upon interview with a representative national sample of 1,264 randomly selected adults aged 18 and over. Question results for the entire general public sample have a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percent.

For more information or to see the full results of this poll, please call Kitty Borah or Stacy Hutchinson at Shell's media line, 713-241-4544, or e-mail at:

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Avalanche deadlines

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Letters to the Editor must be turned in to *The Avalanche* by noon on Friday to be considered for the next issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2"x 11" paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper, please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

CYAC sponsors youth walk-a-thon

The Christian Youth Activity Center (CYAC) and other members of the community are sponsoring a Central American HELP Walk-a-thon on January 8 and 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to raise money for a church-building mission to Central America in February. The walk-a-thon is scheduled to be held in the middle school gym. Prizes will be awarded for most laps, most money raised and most contributors signed-up. Contributions can be made payable to North Michigan Conference. Please write on the memo line of your check: Central Am Project/Grayling. For applications and additional information, please stop by Davis Jewelers in Uptown Grayling. Deadline for application pick-up is 5 p.m., Friday, January 7.

ADD/ADHD Parents group to meet

The ADD/ADHD Parents Support Group will hold their next meeting on January 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Conference Room. This will be a sharing and discussion meeting. Refreshments will be served, child care is provided and transportation is available. For more information, call 348-7641, ext. 527 or 528.

GHS Wrestlers to hold spaghetti dinner

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team will hold a spaghetti dinner in the high school cafeteria on Friday, January 8, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., to help defray the cost of the team's travel and lodging expenses. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 for the family, and no cost for children age five and under.

Gardeners to discuss plants of pioneers

On Monday, January 18, at 1 p.m., the Kirtland Garden Club will host Jane Ginter who will share her expertise on "The Plants of Pioneers and Indians" at the Roscomore Congregational Church. Please contact Cheryl Rice at (517) 366-9214 or Debbie Lehman at (517) 821-6244.

January SHARE sign-up/pick-up set

There will be a SHARE sign-up on January 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be January 22, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.

Hospice volunteer training scheduled

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Training on January 28 and February 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Houghton Lake Community Center located at 2625 Townline Road in Houghton Lake.

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals in the last stages of a terminal illness.

Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which extends from Gaylord to West Branch, Houghton Lake and from Mio to Kalkaska. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care and bereavement counselors.

Volunteers are asked to donate

from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. They can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," said Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Hospice.

To register for the program or for more information, please contact Sherry at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

Maple syrup producers to hold daylong meeting

Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E) and the Michigan Maple Syrup Association (MMSA) will be co-sponsoring a daylong educational program on Saturday, January 23, for any interested maple syrup producers.

The program will be held at the Doherty Hotel Conference Center on the US-27 Business Loop in downtown Clare, and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration for the program begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$20 per adult and \$10 per child, age six to 13 (under age five - free). Registration fees are payable at the door and includes a buffet lunch, refreshments, program costs and room use.

This year's program will feature a

presentation by Professor Bill Motz of Lansing Community College entitled, *Business Planning Tips for Your Maple Operation*.

In addition, there will be an update on current events as well as five breakout sessions focusing on maple syrup production and marketing offered in the afternoon.

Of interest to the 1999 meeting will be a Beginner's Session for Newer Commercial Producers as part of the afternoon breakout sessions.

In addition, there will be several maple syrup equipment suppliers on hand to exhibit their products.

For more information, please contact the Crawford County Extension Office at (517) 344-3264.

Grayling Knights sponsor annual free throw contest

All boys and girls ages nine to 14 are eligible to participate in the local level of competition for the 1999 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship.

Boys and girls will compete in respective age divisions.

The local contest will be held Saturday, January 16 at 2 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state level competitions.

International champions are announced by the K of C international

headquarters based on scores from the state level championships.

Last year, more than 218,000 "sharpshooters" took part in 3,453 local contests.

All contestants on the local level will receive certificates of participation.

Winners will receive plaques and will advance to districts that will be held in Gaylord on a Saturday in February.

Competitions at all levels are free of charge.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Marlin Neuberger at 348-3080.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: You are not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others!

We hope that all of you enjoyed the new year celebration and are ready to have a swell time in the last year of the 20th century! Let there be peace and harmony, health and prosperity, and love for our fellowman.

Did you know that we have a toll free number to call for those people who live outside the 348 or 344 exchanges; the number is 1-888-355-4500. Please tell your "out-lying" friends and neighbors about it.

Remember, drive safely and walk safely!

Just a reminder that our congregational meals are served at noon and five Monday thru Thursday and lunch only on Friday. We have a fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesdays and soup is served on Monday and Wednesday. Please try to make a reservation, if you can, by calling 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

January:

- 6 - BBQ Pork/Chicken & Biscuits
- 7 - Ham Loaf/Roast Beef
- 8 - Swiss Steak/No Sinner
- 11 - Pork Cutlets/Chop Suey
- 12 - Ham/Creamed Chicken
- 13 - Roast Beef/Veal Cutlets
- 14 - Pork Steak/Turkey Birds
- 15 - Roast Chicken/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: The best way to live happily ever after is not to be after too much!

Please have a good week and stop in and see us soon.

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348-6811

Deadline: Thursday noon

JANUARY 1999

THURS 7	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
FRI 8	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 9	• GET OUT AND ENJOY ONE OF THE MANY WINTER SPORTS!!
SUN 10	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 11	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 12	•GPA MEETING @ Grayling Rock Cafe, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 13	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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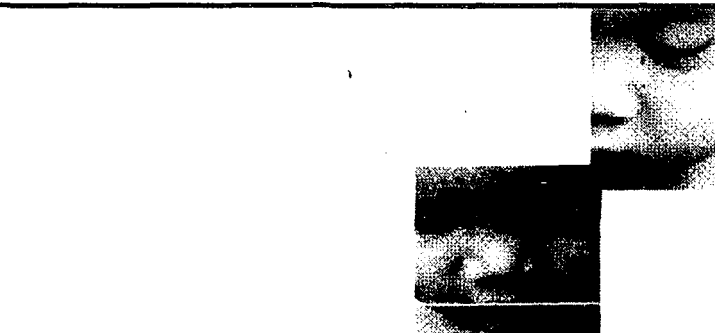
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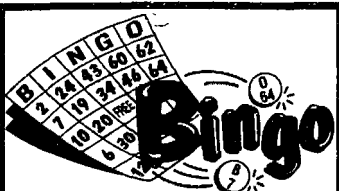


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Friday - 6:30 pm

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Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm

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The Bible Speaks

Private morality?

Is it wrong to make private morality into a public issue? Should a lesbian public school teacher have the right to set up private counseling for "sexually confused" students in "safe zones"? Such a program was set up in a Connecticut school to provide sexually troubled kids with adult counseling which encouraged the homosexual lifestyle. Several class rooms were marked with pink triangle decal's assuring any sexually confused student of privacy during counseling. The program was publicly exposed and stopped by one student's mother. The lesbian public school teacher then sued the mother for libel and slander. Was this mother wrong for making a public issue of private morality?

A pastor of a church in Binghamton, New York wrote an open letter in USA Today challenging then-candidate Bill Clinton's moral stand on abortion, homosexuality, and sexual abstinence outside marriage. For this public proclamation on moral issues, the IRS revoked the church's tax-exempt status. In a four year court battle which required the IRS to turn over 6,000 pages of documents, the IRS was clearly shown to target the conservative church while ignoring liberal churches.

The IRS documents alerted agents to watch for specific code words and phrases such as "pro-life" or "conservative." Was this pastor wrong for expressing views on abortion, homosexuality, and sexual abstinence outside marriage?

When does private morality become a public issue? Are those who fight hardest to keep private morality out of the public realm, often ashamed of having their private moral conduct revealed? And when private morality leads to public shame, does it threaten public honesty? Are those who lie to defend private morality, more tempted to betray public trust? Are such persons more open to blackmail, bribery, or extortion to protect their image? Persons who will lie over such private moral issues, will always be wearing price tags upon their integrity. Their public honor will be suspect.

It is no accident that God made personal faith and truth the most important qualifications for the first civic leaders chosen by the people in Israel. (Exodus 18:21) "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and

rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." One cannot separate truthfulness in government from God's continued blessings. Mercy and truth preserve good Government. (Proverbs 20:28) As we lose truth, we lose freedom. (John 8:32) "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Proverbs 12:19) "The lip of truth shall be established for ever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment."

(Psalms 119: 163) "I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love. "We pray to God for truthful leaders who will have courage to "Hate the evil, and love the good..." (Amos 5:15). We don't want cowardly leaders who "Who hate the good, and love the evil..." (Micah 3:2).

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Crawford County's first baby in 1999

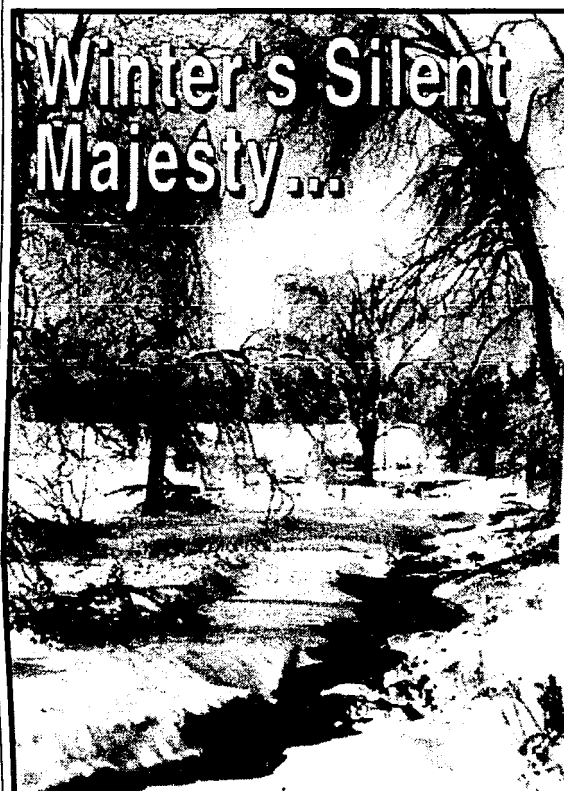
Sherry and Timothy Kozik of Grayling are the proud parents of Timothy Alan Kozik, Jr., arriving as the first baby born in 1999 in Crawford County.

The baby boy was born at 6:16 a.m. on January 1, 1999 at Grayling Mercy Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

"We were hoping he'd be born at the stroke of midnight," said new mother Sherry, "but, he waited a few hours longer."

Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Church Directory



A gentle stream winds lazily through the alabaster meadow, a mirror etched in the snow, reflecting the trees' barren branches frosted in white. The bright winter sun caresses the trees casting bluish gray shadows while the snow sparkles like diamonds on this clear and frosty winter day.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that "For every thing there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."

As we worship our Heavenly Father this week, let us thank Him for winter's silent majesty, and for the panoramic kaleidoscope of all of the seasons as each one passes before us, displaying a unique sensuality and beauty beyond compare.

Sunday
Ephesians
2:1-10

Monday
Ephesians
2:11-22

Tuesday
1 John
1:1-10

Wednesday
Matthew
2:1-12

Thursday
Matthew
2:13-23

Friday
Matthew
3:1-17

Saturday
Matthew
4:1-11

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service..... 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday..... 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May. 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry..... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship..... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service..... 9:30 am
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church. 11 am
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament..... 10 am
Sunday School..... 11 am
Primary..... 11 am
Priesthood..... 12 noon
Relief Society..... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday..... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School..... 9:45 am
Preaching..... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 am
Family Mass..... 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am
Daily Masses..... 9:15 am
Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am
Our Worship space is never locked - utilize our Church for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at any hour.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm
Blessing Radio (Internet)
<http://blessing-radio.com>

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes..... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship..... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School..... 9 am
Sunday Service..... 10 am

The Church of Christ
with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Service..... 7 pm

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Franklin is one step closer to \$25,000 college scholarship

Kip Franklin, a seventh grade student at Grayling Middle School (GMS), won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee December 9 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

GMS social studies classes held preliminary competition from November 30 to December 3. The top winner in each classroom advanced to the next level of competition held on December 4. This group of 21 students was narrowed down to ten students who competed in the final round, which Franklin won.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 11th annual National Geography Bee.

The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and BANK ONE. This year, BANK ONE is giving each school that registers for the Bee a one-year membership in the National Geographic Society, which includes a subscription to their magazine.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participated in school-level bees.

The school winners, including Franklin, will now take a written test and up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bees scheduled for April 9.

The two sponsors will provide an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the state champions and their teacher-escorts to allow them to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship on May 25 and 26.

The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Alex Trebek, host of *Jeopardy*, will moderate the national finals on May 26. The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations. Check your local listings for dates and times.

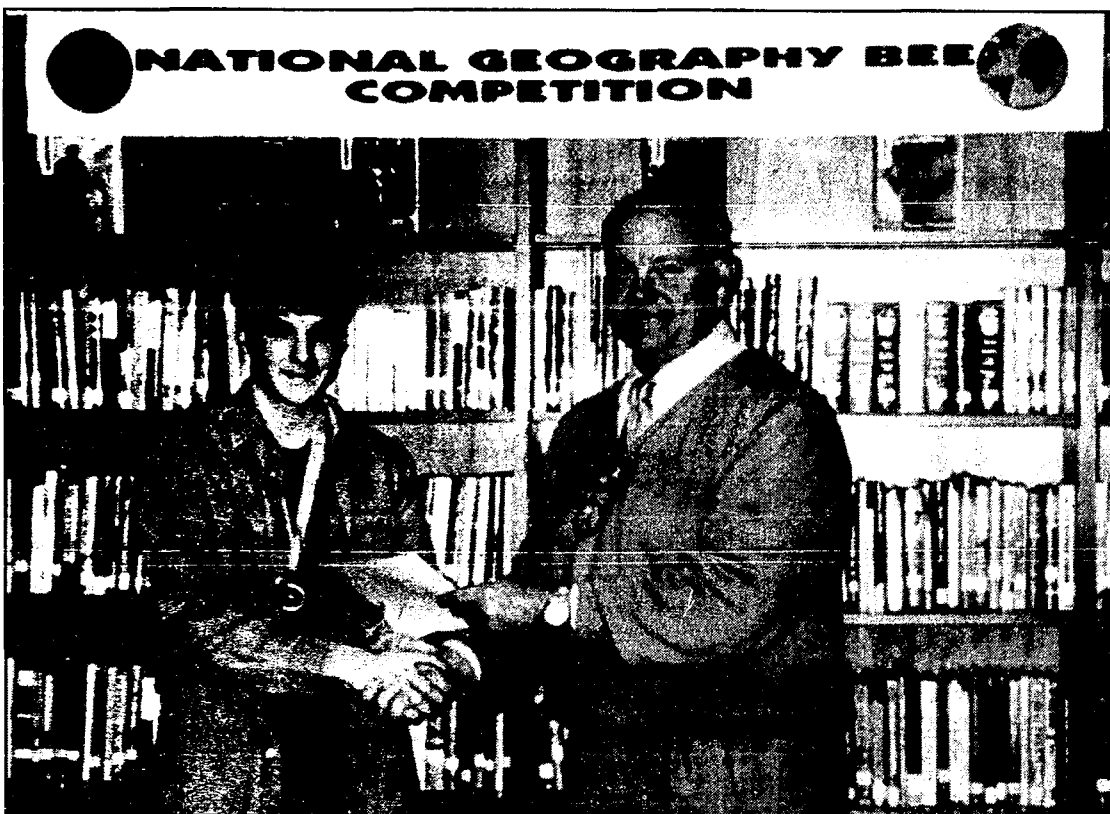


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GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER – Seventh grade Grayling Middle School Student Kip Franklin is congratulated by his principal Mike Branch for winning the school's National Geography Bee competition in the final round on December 9.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

A ten country Gallup survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 1989 found that people in the U.S., ages 18 to 24 (the youngest group surveyed) knew less about geography than young people in any of the other countries in the survey.

The Society also sponsors a number of other geography education initiatives, including summer geography institutes for teachers and the Geographic Alliance Network, which is currently working in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Visiting Mary Jane Knibbs during the Christmas holiday were her children and grandchildren: Linda and Michael Brady of Chicago, Nancy, Michael and Michael Ryan of Ann Arbor, Jim, Cynthia, Natalie and Andrea of Petoskey, and Holly Knibbs of Traverse City. A good time was had by all.

Born to Duain and Teresa (Lehto) Walter of Potterville, a daughter, Emily Alina Walter, a Sparrow Hospital, Lansing on December 23, 1998. Grandparents are George and Donna Lehto of Grayling and Wayne and Joyce Walter of

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The Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation.

Amicare, which provides home health and hospice services, received the accreditation award after the commission found that it

had demonstrated compliance with the national standards for home care organizations.

An on-site survey took place in August, 1998.

Jan Bersted, Vice President of Amicare, said accreditation shows that "we make a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis throughout the organization."

"We seek accreditation for our organization because we want to be the best," said Bersted, "we view obtaining the Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward excellence."

Bersted also stated that excellent accreditation scores can only be achieved through the efforts and cooperation of the entire staff.

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Jan Bersted

plays a valuable role in working to meet the standards," said Bersted. "I think it gives them a feeling of prestige to work in an accredited organization."

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Grayling Mercy and affiliates receive high scores

Grayling Mercy Hospital has received official word from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations that it has achieved accreditation for the hospital as well as Mercy Manor and the primary care network of physician offices.

The accreditation process focuses on the demonstration of compliance with nationally recognized health care standards.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation.

The Joint Commission's three-day, on-site survey of Grayling Mercy Hospital, including the primary care offices and Mercy Manor, occurred in August, 1998.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," said Russell P. Massaro, M.D., executive vice president, Division of Accreditation Operations of the

Joint Commission.

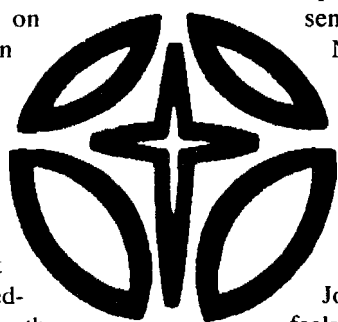
"The community should be proud that Mercy Grayling is focusing on the most challenging goal — to continuously raise quality to higher levels," concluded the doctor.

In addition to high scores achieved by Grayling Mercy, best practices were presented in Holistic Nursing Services and Performance Improvement Activities.

The concept of best practice highlights programs which the Joint Commission feels are the best seen throughout the Mercy system and those which other health care systems can model.

"It is through efforts of a dedicated staff and work by the physicians affiliated with our organization that we could achieve this score which reflects 'excellence'," stated Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Chief Executive Officer of Grayling Mercy.

"We are proud to share this accomplishment with our community," said Riemer-Matuzak. "The accreditation is an incentive to continue to improve our services."



Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak
Chief Executive Officer
Grayling Mercy



Charles Todoroff, M.D.
Chief of Staff, Grayling Mercy



Glenda Jacobs
Director of Mercy Manor

LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

New memorial books donated by Cornell Insurance and Real Estate include *Calculus Made Simple* for Russell Yacks, *Treasured Memories* for Zonela Lapka, *Polar Explorations* for Patrick O'Rourke, *Pompeii* for William Venus, *301 Stylish Storage Areas* for Mary Baker, *Illustrated Dictionary of Mythology* for Charles Dixon, *Southern Living 1998 Annual Recipes* for Eileen Parsons, *Norton's Star Atlas* for Arleigh Tubbs, and *Handmade Wreaths* for Eileen Parsons.

In memory of Pat Jackman, Wednesday Morning Ladies League donated *Low Country* in large print. Bill and Gloria Kraus donated *Charles Kuralt's American Moments* and Hookers and Slicers Couples League donated *Perfect Recipe*.

For Genevieve Lerg, Marjorie Len donated *A Christmas Treasury*.

For Myrtle Malm, Don and Rae Ann Schanz donated *Christmas Candle* and *Barnyard Lullaby*.

For Gretchen Hoffman Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Spasoff donated *Best of Shakespeare, Retelling of 10 Classic Plays*.

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The Crawford County Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. Web site is www.grayling-mi.com/library.htm

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center & Crawford County Community Services (Christmas fund) wish to THANK the following people for their contributions to our Christmas Project and to our regular Food Pantry. We were able to help 85 families. 22 families were helped by "Adopt-A-Family" sponsored by the HELP Center.

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Data Center:

- Seeing or learning something new (42 percent of vacationers seek this out).
- Avoiding road construction and traffic (31 percent).
- Not having to deal with bored children (24 percent).
- Enjoying time with and without children (22 percent).
- Not getting lost (23 percent).
- Meeting interesting people on the vacation (10

percent).

- Not having to look for places to eat or to sleep (14 percent).
- Having someone else deal with traffic (7 percent).
- Avoiding too much togetherness (7 percent).

Without the pressure of driving, grandparents can start their vacation right away, explains family travel authority Candyce Stapen, author of family travel guides. On a train, even before you arrive at your destina-

tion, she says, you can enjoy quality time. You don't have to worry about traffic or getting lost, so you have more energy to be with the kids, she explains, adding, "Children can move around on a train, visit the lounge car, even find other children to play with, so they're happy." To encourage more grandparents and their grandchildren to take advantage of train travel, Amtrak offers discount senior and child fares year-

round, air/rail packages and their own special vacation bargains. If quality time is a priority in your vacation plans, make sure to consider traveling by train. For a free, colorfully illustrated Amtrak Travel Planner of rail vacation possibilities, call a travel agent or 1-800-USA-RAIL.

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Grandparenting by the book

Grandparenting is just that—grand—according to Judy Ford, author of *Wonderful Ways To Love A Grandchild* (Conari Press, \$11.95). Ford, who also wrote the best-selling *Wonderful Ways To Love A Child* and *Wonderful Ways To Love A Teen*, found most grandparents want to give their grandchildren something—pass on something, teach something, leave something—but they often don't know what that something is.

something healthy, establish guidelines for your own home, accentuate the positive, get silly, rise above the small stuff and stay in touch. *Wonderful Ways To Love*



Wonderful Ways To Love A Grandchild suggests more than 60 ways to actively participate in the lives of your grandchildren, whether you live down the block or across the country. Among the ideas offered are: do

A Grandchild is the perfect guidebook—both for first-time and veteran grandparents who want to give their grandkids the very best start in life and stay connected throughout the years. The book is available at book stores everywhere or by calling 1-800-685-9595.

Senior Center volunteer of the month

Delores Norton is our January Volunteer of the month. Delores moved here four years ago from Kankakee, Illinois where she had been born and reared. You can detect a little southern accent when you hear her

speak. She has three children and lots of grandchildren. Delores has been volunteering for a little over one year and thoroughly enjoys it. She makes herself useful in quite a number of places. She answers phone

both at the center and at the RSVP office; she helps with the Meals-On-Wheels and helps deliver; she helps out at all the special dinners throughout the year; works on the Gazette bulletin, and generally helps out wherever need-

ed. She loves to read, watch movies and do crossword books. Congratulations to Delores Norton and we wish we could bottle and sell her smile; we would be rich beyond all measure.

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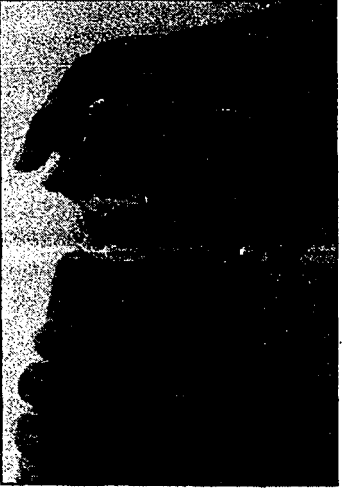
JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1. Happy New Year Center Closed
4. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	5. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	6. Commodities 9:30-10:30 Eagles 10:00 - Bible Study 12:30 - Stag Club 12:30 - Wendy's Bingo	7. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 1:00 - General Follies Meeting All Members Please Attend	8. 1:00 - Pantry - Bingo ***** Sunday Brunch 10-1 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
11. Share Sign-Up 10-2 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	12. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 12:30 - Dance with Tina	13. 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - Birthday Luncheon 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - "R & R"	14. BP's Taken 11 to Noon	15. 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help ***** 17. Pancake Brunch 10-1
18. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	19. Lynn Weber 12:30 - Speaker on Health Magnets 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	20. Foot Clinic By Appt. 10:00 - Bible Study 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	21. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip	22. Share Pick-Up 1:30-3 at RLDS 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 24. Sunday Potluck 2 pm - Bring a dish to pass
25. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	26. 12:30 - "PJ" Party Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - "R & R"	27. 10:00 - Bible Study 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - Pool	28. BP's Taken 11 to Noon Travelogue at the High School	29. 1:00 - Pantry Bingo

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First dance of the year

First dance of the month is on Tuesday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. The second dance will be on the 26th at 12:30 p.m. and it's our annual "PJ" party. Usually, in years past, we have had difficul-

ty in holding our PJ party due to terrible weather. Let's see how we fare this year! (As you know, the general rule of thumb for the center's closing for bad weather is, if the schools are closed, then so are we).

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OBITUARIES

Sue Ann (Stephan) King

Sue Ann (Stephan) King, 54, formerly of Grayling, passed away on December 6, 1998 in Tazewell, Tennessee, where she had lived for the past eight years with her husband, Mark, and two children, Eva and Carson.

She was born in Grayling on January 31, 1944 to Henry E. and Eva L. (Smith) Stephan.

The funeral was held on Thursday, December 10, 1998, at Coffey Funeral Home in Tazewell. Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery in Harlan, Kentucky.

She is survived by her husband, Mark, two sons: Carson King, at home, and Don E. (Paula) Runnals of Florida; two daughters: Eva King at home, and Antoinette (Runnals) and her husband Don York of Kentucky; one stepson, Mark King of Flint; three grandsons: David Runnals, K.C. York and Jessie York; and one granddaughter, Ashley Runnals.

She is also survived by two brothers: Robert (Evie) Stephan and Lawrence (Linda) Stephan of Grayling; and two sisters: Zoe (John) Horcha of Grand Blanc and Janet (Michael) Gorman of Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Eva Stephan, and two brothers: Charles (Bill) Stephan and Henry (Jim) Stephan.

Deloris M. Carr

Deloris M. Carr, 74, of Grayling, passed away on January 4, 1999, at The Meadows of Grayling.

Deloris was born in Grayling on July 8, 1924 to Milo and Doris (Brouillet) Carr. She was a life-long resident of Grayling and was a co-owner of Pioneer Canoe Livery and ran a ceramic business.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen C. Carr, 1996; her parents; and brothers: James, Delbert, and Eugene Carr.

Survivors include: one son, Chauncey (Brenda) Carr of Grayling; one daughter, Cheri (Bill) Morse of St. Helen; sister Carol Steele of Aurora, Illinois; brother, Ronny Carr of Grayling; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

No services are planned. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

William H. Havens

William H. Havens, 81, passed away on November 16, 1998.

William was born on May 9, 1917 in Lansing and was a life long resident. He graduated from Lansing Central High in 1935. He served in both World War II and the Korean Wars as a Naval Aviator retiring as a Lt. Commander. Mr. Havens was the owner of Capital City Construction and built over 200 homes in the Lansing area. He also built and operated Westfield Hills Apartments in Lansing and Shel-Haven Canoe Livery in Grayling. An avid outdoorsman and gourmet cook, he was happiest when he was cooking and entertaining for family and friends at his cabin on the Manistee River.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Wilhemina and his father, Roy.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia; daughter, Patricia (Brian) Premoe of Portland; son James Havens of Lansing; and sister, Dorothy Maggart of Huntington Beach, California.

R. Luke Stungis

R. Luke Stungis, 48, passed away on December 28, 1998 at his residence in Lovells.

Mr. Stungis was born on February 13, 1950 to John and Lois (Winkler) Stungis in Columbus, Ohio. He was a sales representative for Colgate-Palmolive Company.

Surviving are two sons: Adam Stungis and Alex Stungis both of Spring, Texas.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 17, 1999, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, at 5 p.m. The family will receive visitors from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of donor's choice.

Wesley D. Dunham

Wesley D. Dunham, 79, passed away on December 31, 1998.

Wesley was born on December 31, 1919. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a butcher for A&P stores for many years and was employed with the City of Lansing in Weights and Measures Department and retired as City Market Manager.

Mr. Dunham was preceded in death by his wife Vivian in 1997 and granddaughter, Kimberly in 1976.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sandra (Gerald A.) Smith of Fowler; four sons: Gary (Diane)

Dunham of Silver Lake, David (Roberta) Dunham of Grant, Ronald Dunham of Lansing, and Mark (Mindy) Dunham of Spring, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial service was held on January 4, at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing Chapel with Pastor Joel Gorveatte, of Faith Wesleyan Church, officiating. There was no visitation.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 950 28th St., S.E., Bldg. E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508-1326.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the kind words, cards, phone calls, flowers, food and especially the hand shakes and hugs. A special thanks to the R.L.D.S. Church for the luncheon and the ministry who all supported us. Sorenson Funeral Home went the extra mile for us too, so we could have the showing Christmas Day. May God bless all of you.

The family of
Lorna J. LaMotte

Valerie D. Bunton

Valerie D. Bunton, 72, of Lovells passed away on January 3, 1999 at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Valerie was born on December 4, 1926 to Victor and Gertrude (Annen) Prosser in Highland Park, Illinois. She was married to Edward W. Bunton. She came from Valparaiso, Indiana and has lived in Crawford County since 1982. She was a switchboard operator for General Telephone and the State of Indiana. She was a past president of the Eagles Aerie #3465. Valerie attended Grayling Free Methodist Church and served on the Lovells Township Board of Review.

She is survived by her husband, Edward W. Bunton; two daughters: Doretha (Hal) Carlson, and Dianna Tolbert both of Grayling; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Burial of Cremains will be in the Lovells Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Grayling Free Methodist Church Building Fund.

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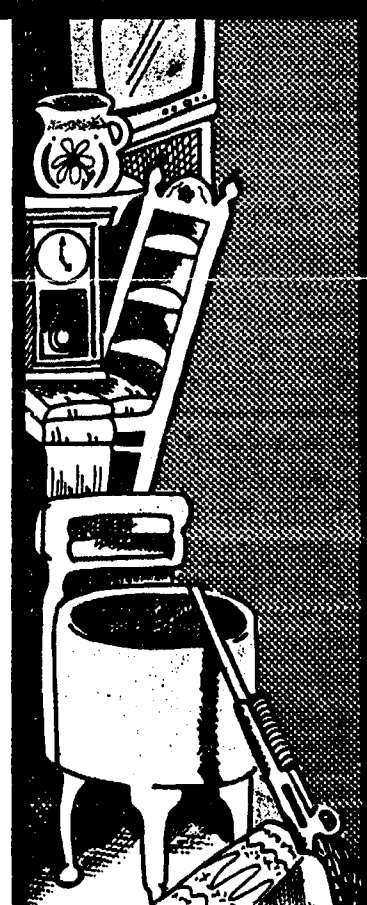
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First big snowfall of the year



Photo by Linda Golnick

PILES OF SNOW -- On Tuesday, January 5, City of Grayling road crews worked to clear away the huge mounds of snow from the streets in downtown Grayling. Workers were aided in the snow removal task by the city's new grader/dump truck and a loader. According to City of Grayling weather reports, Grayling received about 11 inches of snow on Sunday, January 3, and an additional three the next two days. The heavy snowfall put the accumulated snow level at 20 inches for the winter, and allowed for much better conditions for skiing and snowmobiling.

MERCY BIRTHS

Robert Duncan and Paula Horning of Frederic announce the arrival of Tequila Rose Duncan born December 16, 1998.

Casey and Julie Davison of Lewiston announce the arrival of Brandon Hunter Davison born December 16, 1998.

Edmond Robar and April Page of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Bradley James Page born December 17, 1998.

Raymond and Rebecca LaBush of Luzerne announce the arrival of Corden Lee LaBush born December 17, 1998.

John Verduco and Cindy Smock of Grayling announce the arrival of Maisie Kay Verduco born December 17, 1998.

Chris Miller and Doris Widner of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Dalyana Christine Miller born December 18, 1998.

Lew and Julie Johnston of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Lyndsey Marie Johnston born December 21, 1998.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were reported to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from December 28, 1998 to January 4, 1999:

Two burglary; one larceny; one controlled substance; one public peace; two OUIL/OUID; nine health and safety; one conservation; two miscellaneous crimes; 18 accidents; one non-traffic accident; three parking violations; eight snowmobile related; three false alarms; three accidents-other; one civil/family trouble; one suspicious situation; one lost/found property; one possible suicide; one missing person; 16 general non-criminal.

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1998 Year in Review for Crawford County

January

• The Crawford County Board of Commissioners held its first meeting of the year. John Hartman was elected by the Board in secret ballot to the position of chairman of the board, and Robert Smock was elected vice-chairman.

Commissioner Smock was chosen to continue his role as chairman of the Labor and Personnel Committee. Lynnette Corlew took over as chair of Ways and Means, and Bruce Bretzke was named chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

• The Grayling High School Freshmen Girls Volleyball Team, a newly created team at GHS, won its inaugural game. The Vikings came back from a two games to none deficit to win the match 3-2.

• Collection for the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program exceeded expectations, and reached 40 young people in 14 families dur-

ing the holiday season.

• As part of the North Central Outcomes Accreditation process, Grayling High School underwent a process of gathering surveys from recent GHS graduates. GHS staff looked at the results of the survey, which included ratings of the school's faculty, curriculum and extra-curricular activities by former Grayling students.

• The Grayling City Council voted to rezone the south end of Meadows Drive from C-2 commercial to R-2 residential. The rezoning was approved in order to allow for the construction of two 24-unit apartment complexes: Whispering Pines Senior Apartments and Grayling Pines Family Apartments.

• The Road Commission for Crawford County opened sealed bids for the Townline Bridge project in Lovells Township, which would completely replace the bridge with a new structure.

• Grayling High School senior

Dave Shepherd won his 100th high school wrestling victory. Ben Malonen also won his 100th high school wrestling match.

• The AuSable Shrine Circus Club of Grayling and Roscommon took two busloads of 5th graders to a circus in Saginaw, marking the 25th year that the Shriners have taken youngsters on the annual circus trip.

• Talk began regarding expansion and renovation of Grayling High School, specifically targeting the gymnasium and the heating and ventilation system.

• Terry McGregor, after serving as Beaver Creek Township Treasurer for 14 years, was appointed by City Manager Jerry Morford to the position of City of Grayling Treasurer.

• One of the Road Commission's salt trucks overturned on M-72 just west of Lake Margrethe when its blade got caught in the road shoulder. Some salt was spilled, but no gasoline or other chemicals, and the driver was not hurt in the incident.



SKI RACES -- Hanson Hills hosted the Michigan Marathon Cup Nordic ski races in January, with well over 100 participants.

February

• The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Grayling Area Visitor's Council started a petition to gain support for a snowmobile trail through town. The trail would have to cross tracks owned by Lake State Railway Company near the City of Grayling. The proposed trail would allow snowmobilers more direct access to Grayling businesses.

• Following the receipt of results from a nation-wide Western Michigan University survey of 8th, 10th and 12th graders concerning drug use, a community Drug Task Force met to discuss a course of action in light of the revealing survey results, which reported that Grayling students were significantly above the national average in overall drug use.

• Al Angove of Grayling broke a 35-year-old bowling record at Legion Lanes by bowling a 758

series. The previous record of 731 was set in 1962 by Dan Canfield.

About a week later local resident Brian Palmer beat Angove's record by scoring a 760 series.

• Jessica Becks was named 1998 Grayling Junior Miss, after winning the Talent Award, Evening Gown, and Scholastic Achievement. Sarah Kaiser took 1st Runner-Up honors, and Sara Bassett was named 2nd Runner-Up.

• Despite a light winter, the 73rd annual Winter Wolf Festival at Hanson Hills was a big hit. The event included activities such as the Business Olympics, the Bears Bowmen Archery Challenge, sleigh rides, an ice rink, sledding and a chili cook-off.

• Jack Pilon was appointed by the Board of Education to fill the seat vacated by Linda Franklin, who resigned from the school board after getting a job at the Crawford County

Courthouse as probate registrar.

• Grayling High School students Katie Olson and Eric Thompson qualified for the State Finals in high school skiing, which was held at Boyne Mountain. Olson qualified in slalom and giant slalom, and Thompson qualified for slalom competition. Olson later finished 31st out of 260 in the giant slalom at the State Finals, and Thompson finished 21st out of 260 in the slalom.

• The Crawford AuSable Board of Education voted to set the date for the \$14 million high school bond issue for June 8, 1998, which coincided with the school board election. The seat held by Jack Pilon was up for election of a full term.

• The Grayling Middle School 8th grade Boys Basketball "White" Team finished its season at 9-1. The team won the end of the season tournament with victories over Houghton Lake and Roscommon.

• Mark Hopkins, Grayling High School wrestler, won his 100th high school victory.

• In honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, the Grayling Elementary School student council held a school-wide essay contest, with the topic "Justice and Kindness." The winning essays were published in the February 19 edition of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

• Riverland Gear in Grayling held its official grand opening celebration.

• The Road Commission for Crawford County, in cooperation with Kalkaska, Otsego, Oscoda and Roscommon counties, established enforceable weight restrictions for all primary and local roads. Commercial haulers had to conform to MDOT standards of 35% for load reductions.

• The North Central Michigan Community Foundation awarded its first grant since being established, to Grayling High School student Heide

Wallace. The \$100 grant was to be used by Wallace in her international tour with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Academy.

• A deer feeding ban was imposed north of M-55 and east of I-75, with the exception of bait used in hunting, in order to combat the bovine tuberculosis threat.

• The Louise Tournaud School of Dance performed a *Peter and the Wolf* ballet to raise money for the Crawford County Animal Shelter. The show netted \$1,000 for the shelter.

• The Grayling Township Recycling Center made a small profit, and allowed for the township to reduce trips to the landfill from three per week down to twice a week, saving \$500 weekly.

• The Drug Task Force was awarded a grant from the State Office of Drug Control, and began taking applications from local organizations

in order to distribute the money to youth oriented activities.

• Local resident Dave Wyman travelled to Moscow as part of Operation Carelift '98, which has helped Russia for the past seven years. Wyman and the other volunteers delivered donated food, medicine, vitamins, toys and clothing to the Russian people.

• At the request of Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to make March 21 "Roger Weatherly Day." Weatherly, a Beaver Creek Township fireman, had recently been diagnosed with leukemia.

• Grayling Middle School was broken into, and the media center vandalized. One 17-year-old male was arrested, and two other juveniles were believed to be involved. Items stolen included \$100 in cash, a trombone, a CD player and a pair of dictation headphones.

March

• Grayling Elementary School held its annual Art and Science Fair, with 230 entries. Seventy students entered art exhibits, and 160 submitted science projects.

• The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 5-1 to hire Louanne Leonard into the position of Board Executive Secretary. Leonard had been the confidential secretary to County Clerk Sandy Moore.

• The Grayling High School Band earned straight "ones," the highest ratings possible, at the Michigan Band and Orchestra District Festival held in Elk Rapids, qualifying the band to take part in the state competition.

• The Grayling Eagles chapter purchased a \$4,000 rescue sled for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The sled can hook up to the back of a snowmobile for winter rescues, and in the summer can be converted to a wagon-type form. The local Eagles chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary, coinciding with the Fraternal Order of Eagles' 100th anniversary.

• Viking wrestlers Matt Evon, Ben Malonen and Mark Hopkins earned a chance to compete in the State Wrestling Tournament. Hopkins ended up taking fifth place in his weight division at the State Finals.

• The Grayling High School Freshmen Boys Basketball Team suited up only five players due to disciplinary reasons, and the five beat visiting Gaylord by 12 points, 70-58.

• Dennis Karp moved his Karp's Custom Kitchens business into a new showroom on M-72 in Grayling. Karp had been in business in Waters for 11 years before the relocation.

• The Grayling High School Chamber Choir earned straight "ones" at the District competition in Traverse City. The performance qualified the 27-member choir for the State Finals.

• The Grayling High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team beat Standish late in the season to win a share of the NEMC title. The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team rounded out the season with a solid 14-6 record.

• St. Francis Episcopal Church was one of 16 northern Michigan churches to send donations from the area to

the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The local volunteers packed up a few vehicles at the St. Francis Thrift Shop and drove out to the reservation to deliver the goods and take in a real-life powwow.

• The Michigan House approved a change in ownership of 85 miles of land located 1.5 miles northeast of Grayling for a proposed Grayling Township park. The land deal was proposed by Rep. Allen Lowe.

• It was discovered that 386 records had been deleted from the County Clerk's office, including jury lists, ordinances, grievances, grant documents and board agendas. The Michigan State Police launched an investigation.

• Author Christopher Knight, a graduate of Grayling High School, visited the Crawford County Library for a book signing and discussion session. Knight wrote an audio book called *St. Helena*.

• The Crawford County Board of Commissioners began re-evaluating its list of "mandated services" as pressure increased to adopt a budget.

• The Crawford-Otsego landfill was sold to the top trash hauler in the United States, Waste Management.



Photo by Linda Golinick

BLUES BROTHERS -- The Rotary Minstrel Show featured all sorts of entertainment, including Larry Raymond and Mike Branch as Jake and Elwood Blues.

The deal was part of a \$21 million merger with U.S.A. Waste.

• Nate Hinkle and Eli Tobin,

Varsity Boys Basketball Team guards, were named to the North East Michigan Conference First Team.

• Shoppenagon's Inn re-opened after extensive remodeling.

• Kirtland Community College broke ground on a \$7.2 million construction project, which involves adding space and remodeling two buildings and constructing a new Arts/Maintenance Building. About half of the money for the project was approved by district voters in October of 1995, which was matched by funds from the state.

• The Drug Task Force approved three more mini-grants, which used the last of the Task Force's Office of Drug Policy grant money. The mini-grants went to: GRA, \$7,313; the

Christian Youth Activity Center, \$1,780; and New Life, \$1,200.

• Rande Reynolds, 11, was honored in front of his Grayling Elementary School peers by Sheriff Dave Lovely for rescuing his four-year-old sister and one-year-old brother from their burning house.

• After a request from County Board liaison Bruce Bretzke, the Road Commission Board agreed to allow the Animal Shelter to continue using its current building, which belongs to the Road Commission, until it can find a suitable location to move into.

• Ground was broken at the second

Nate Beckwith received an honorable mention.

• Local resident Vicki Royston and her son Lance were named as the recipient for the Habitat for Humanity house scheduled for construction in 1998.

• Scott McClain and Kay Matthews went to Nicaragua along with 24 other Free Methodist Church members to build churches for the poverty stricken.

• Grayling High School held its Science, Math and Art Fair, which yielded 160 total exhibits. Principal Judy Gorski said that participation increased 300% from the previous year. Ribbons were given out to the top Math and Science projects.

• The Drug Task Force approved two mini-grant applications: \$1,000 for Project Graduation, and \$958 for the Sheriff's Department for "fatal vision goggles," which were to be used in area schools for alcohol awareness demonstrations.

• Mercy Healthcare Services and Munson Healthcare announced a new partnership, which would allow Munson to take over management responsibilities. No assets would be involved in the partnership.

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity home.

• After meeting for over two years, the Friends of the Library filed Articles of Incorporation in order to become "official."

• Two brush fires in Lovells burned about 55 acres of land. Fire officials said that DNR firefighters were posted in the area, which helped to speed response and keep the damage to a minimum.

• The Road Commission for Crawford County put the temporary bridge structure it had been using at Townline on Wilcox, upgrading the Wilcox Bridge to 20-ton capacity.

April

• Camp Grayling's Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit left for Panama in order to help clear out U.S. military installations, which was part of the process involved in returning the canal to Panamanian control.

• After being awarded the bid by the Road Commission for Crawford County, Cordes Excavating started construction of the Townline Bridge in Lovells.

• The Grayling High School Players performed the musical come-

dy *Bye Bye Birdie*.

• Facing problems with the budget, the County Board of Commissioners planned to take the advice of its auditors from Anderson and Tackman PC to cut law enforcement budgets, planning substantial cuts to the Sheriff's Department and 911 that would total around \$400,000.

• Grayling High School student Eli Tobin was named a Detroit News all-state honorable mention for Varsity Boys Basketball. Teammate Nate Hinkle was named an all-state honorable mention by the Detroit Free Press.

• Roger Weatherly's benefit dinner

raised \$7,000 for the family. Weatherly, a Beaver Creek fireman, was diagnosed with leukemia and had to undergo a bone marrow operation.

• Northern Pure Ice, Inc. opened its new plant, which is located just off of Old 27 in Grayling.

• Grayling Middle School received full accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The accreditation must be renewed on an annual basis.

• Local salon Northern Expressions opened up for business, specializing in nails. The salon also has tanning beds.

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Pioneer League

Custom Interior . . . 4 - 0
Aunt Betty's . . . 3 - 1
Avalanche . . . 2.5-1.5
Ginger's . . . 2.5 - 1.5
Chemical Bank . . . 1.5 - 2.5
Lady Slippers . . . 1.5 - 2.5
Millikin's . . . 1 - 3
Mercy Hospital . . . 20 - 4
High Game: N. Glasslee, 213; S. France, 201; C. Jones and H. Spencer, 195.
High Series: S. France, 574; J. Hinds, 539; I. Hatfield, 522.

Recreation League

Fun - N - Sun Rental . . . 7 - 1
Peterson Saw Service . . . 7 - 1
Glen's Market . . . 5 - 3
Scheer Motors . . . 4 - 4
Mickey Perez CPA . . . 3 - 5

Mark 8 . . . 3 - 5
Gray Rock Cafe . . . 2 - 6
Cornell . . . 1 - 7
High Game: S. Sumner, 199; D. Mead, 180; L. Dellar, 179.
High Series: S. Sumner, 524; D. Hannum, 496; V. Balmes, 491.

American Men's

McLean's Ace . . . 34 - 22
Fenton's Auto . . . 34 - 22
Upper Lakes . . . 33 - 23
Forrest Bros. . . 28 - 28
Gaylord Ford . . . 28 - 28
Stitches by Sue . . . 27 - 29
Joel's Team . . . 25 - 31
Moore's Auto . . . 15 - 41
High Game: J. Arwood, 246 and 232; B. Hurd, 236;
High Series: J. Arwood, 602; J. Thayer, 592; P. Faustman, 556.

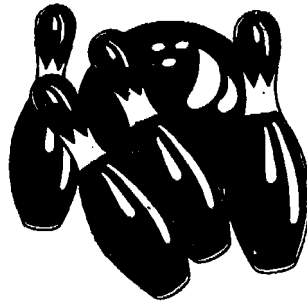
Triangle

Barber Const. . . 4 - 0
Sumner . . . 3 - 1
Airway Auto . . . 2 - 2
Moshier Auto . . . 2 - 2
C.S.I. Ind. Sys. . . 1 - 3
Johnson . . . 0 - 4
High Game: J. Robideau, 201; T. Everly, 195; M. Campbell, 194.
High Series: J. Robideau and T. Everly, 546; M. Campbell, 538.

Sunday Night Mixed

McDonald's of Gaylord . . . 7 - 1
Waste Management . . . 6 - 2
Custom Interiors . . . 5 - 3
McDonald's . . . 4 - 4
Citgo . . . 4 - 4
Us & Them . . . 3 - 5
R&M Masonry . . . 2 - 6
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 1 - 7

Men's High Game: M. Sumner, 246; R. Adkinson, 203; M. Ashworth, 202.
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, 588; M. Ashworth, 564; J. Helsel, 560.
Women's High Game: L. Dannenberg, 233; S. France, 214; J. Hinds, 202.
Women's High Series: S. France, 562; J. Hinds and L. Dannenberg, 560.



FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT -- Lift tickets for your entire family (up to 6 people) only \$5 (rental not included). There will be a meal deal in the snack bar.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE FREE SKI PROGRAM -- Beginning Wednesday, January 13, 1999, all fourth and fifth grade students can learn to ski free. This is a five week program that is offered on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoons. The free ski program is made possible through the generosity of the Grayling Youth Booster Club, Crawford AuSable Schools, and the Grayling Rotary Club.

ICE SKATING CLASSES -- We have postponed our ice skating classes to begin on Tuesday, January 12, 1999. Classes will meet twice a week for four weeks. Each class will last 1 1/2 hour. The cost of \$25 and participants must provide their own skates.

GIRLS RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE -- Girls' Basketball league will begin January 16 and go through March 20 on Saturday mornings at the Grayling Middle School. The program costs \$20 with a \$5 late registration fee after January 8.

SKI SCHOOL -- Beginning January 7 our

four or eight week programs begin for skiing and snowboarding classes on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Classes include lift ticket, rental equipment, one hour of instruction and free skiing for the remainder of the evening. The Hanson Hills Hoppers program for children 4-7 years old begins Saturday, January 9 and continues for four Saturdays. All classes are \$49 for four weeks or \$79 for eight weeks.

EIGHT IS GREAT -- Thursday evening lift tickets, rental, and group lessons cost \$8 each and the eighth person gets skis and rental free.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting December 14, 1998

The regular meeting of the Township was called to order by the Supervisor at 7 p.m. with all Board members present.

Motion by McDonough to approve minutes to regular meeting of 11/9/98 and Special Meeting held 11/13/98. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to accept written Treasurer's report. Seconded and carried. Reports regarding Planning and Zoning and DPW were given.

Special Speaker Jerry Dewitt was present and gave a report on the progress of the proposed mall at Four Mile Road.

Seven pieces of correspondence were presented.

Old Business:

1. Sexual Harassment Policy has been looked at.

2. Supervisor gave report regarding King Road.

3. Motion by McDonough to purchase snow blower for township. Ayes: 3; nays: 2. Motion carried.

4. Motion by McDonough to send \$50 to Crawford Co. Supervisor's Association. Ayes: 4; nays: 1. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mobarak to adopt the Resolution from Cable MI regarding their name change. Seconded by McDonough. Ayes: 5; nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Mobarak to adopt the Township Investment Policy as presented. Seconded by McDonough. Ayes: 5; nays: 0. Motion carried.

3. Discussion regarding RS&A update. More information is needed and note taken at next month.

4. Discussion regarding approval of 1999 Holiday dates. Motion by Mobarak to accept with following changes: Township closed Friday, July 2 for Independence Day and Friday before Christmas and New Year's Day.

5. Motion by McDonough that the township purchase \$15 gift certificates for employees. Seconded by Balmes. Ayes: 2; nays: 3. Motion defeated.

6. Motion by Mobarak to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate with schools for summer tax collection at the same rate as previous year. Seconded by Balmes. Ayes: 5; nays: 0. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor stated that he is asking same Board of Review members to continue on Board.

8. Discussion regarding purchase of new computers.

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 1998

The Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9 a.m. in the Crawford County Building on December 8, 1998.

Roll Call: Hartman, Smock, Long, Black, Corlew and Bretzke - present. Absent: None.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Sandra Moore - Present

County Controller, Paul Compo - present

There were also other visitors present.

Approved the amended minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 1998 as presented.

Accepted the Correspondence as presented.

Requested the County Auditor respond to the County Board in writing. Chairman Hartman advised County Auditor Marv Henderson will address the audit report at the December 22, 1998 Board meeting and that will be an appropriate time to address the issue.

Approved to pay the Mechanical Inspector \$3,117.36 for October and November inspections.

Authorized the County Controller and Ways and Means Chairperson to review the contingency fund to allocate funding for the new Commissioners to attend the MAC Conference February 4-7, 1999.

Entered into the Host Agency Agreement with Green Thumb Agency and the County of Crawford for a 20 hour a week work assignment in the Building and Zoning Department. To authorize \$200 from the Contingency fund to the Green Thumb Agency for such a program.

Moved to amend the agenda to allow a presentation by Richard Filley, President of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association.

Transferred funds in the amount \$5,750.60 from the Contingency line item to the Sheriff's Snowmobile Department line item, for Snowmobile Enforcement.

Allowed the Building Authority to seek legal counsel due to statute of limitations/appointed Robert E. Nelson as the new Road Commissioner.

Reinstated the Building Authority By-Laws Article III Section 8 removal language

previously removed by the Board as requested by the Building Authority.

Moved to contact outside counsel for an opinion and address the statute of limitations regarding a civil suit (Honeywell Lawsuit.)

Request an opinion from the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) on the Statute of Limitations regarding the Honeywell Civil Suit.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JULIE A. RYTHIER, an unmarried woman (original mortgagor) to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1996, and recorded on January 28, 1997 in Liber 424, on Page 433. Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 1996 which was recorded on May 27, 1996, in Liber 430, on Page 418-419. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND 90/100 dollars (\$102,952.90), including interest at 13.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 3, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 146, AuSable Woods No. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 24, 1998
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Marie Gillett and Timothy James Gillett, her husband to First Finance.

Mortgagors, dated March 31, 1998 and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 451 on page 33 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bankers Trust Company of California, NA as, Custodian or Trustee by an assignment dated April 6, 1998, and recorded on October 20, 1998 in Liber 465, on page 591 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 52/100 Dollars (\$66,787.52), including interest at 11.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10 o'clock a.m. on February 10, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 4, RED PINE ACRES, TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 07, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 1998
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CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1999 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 14, 1999	July 8, 1999
February 11, 1999	August 12, 1999
March 11, 1999	September 9, 1999
April 8, 1999	October 14, 1999
May 13, 1999	November 11, 1999
June 10, 1999	December 9, 1999

The meetings are held at the Citizens Bank, Grayling, MI in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office located at 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI, (517) 348-3513, to be placed on the agenda. -24-31-7

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The New Yoga For People Over 50

Baby boomers don't see themselves as getting older. They see themselves as getting better—and they may be right.

As a generation, boomers are rejecting negative stereotypes about aging and doing what they can to improve the quality of their later years.

Their interest in improving the senior years has led to a growing awareness of better nutrition, an increased interest in exercise and in efforts to better understand the true meaning of life.

Yoga is an increasingly popular way boomers are choosing to remain fit and flexible.

Across the country, the practice of yoga is being recognized by doctors and laymen for its ability to reverse the aging process and increase energy levels.

For many people, yoga not only restores vitality to the body but also expands and restores them on other levels.

Through yoga, many come to see the senior years as a time of increased perspective and spiritual growth, rather than a time of deterioration.

In her book *The New Yoga For People Over 50* (Health Communications,

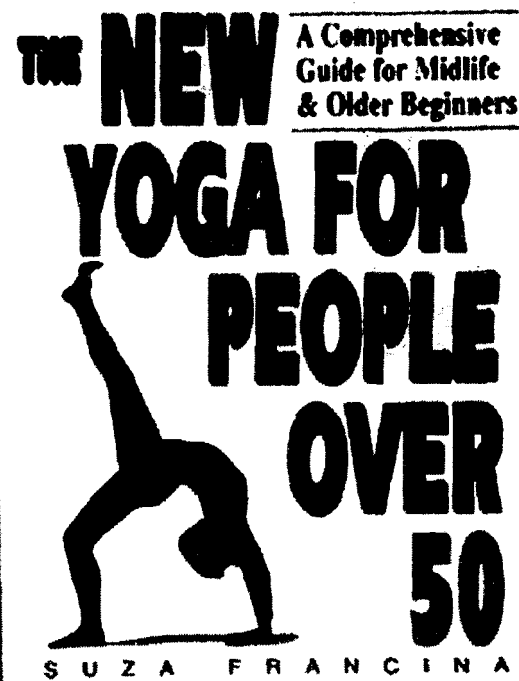
\$11.95), yoga expert Suza Francina describes and illustrates through photos

of older teachers and students how older beginners can adapt the practice of yoga to their special needs.

Based on the author's extensive background as a home health care provider for elderly and convalescing people, and her experience in the field of yoga and exercise therapy, the book includes a special section on the benefits of yoga in addressing menopause, heart disease, arthritis, osteoporosis and other health problems commonly associated with aging.

Francina has contributed various articles on nutrition and health and writes a news column on yoga, health and aging. She is director of the Ojai Yoga Center in Ojai, California, where she specializes in classes and workshops for people over 50.

The book is available in book



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If you missed it... 'Senior Perspective' is on Page 10A

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Viva Las Vegas, say seniors

The good news for seniors is that Las Vegas has become more than just a great place to vacation.

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"I think seniors look for the same things most of us do," said Las Vegas Mayor Jan Jones, regarding Las Vegas' popularity among seniors. "A moderate climate, a booming business environment with a low cost of living and abundant recreational opportunities all add together to make Las Vegas a great place to live."

A testament to the area's attraction to seniors is the fact that the top two selling communities in the Las Vegas area, Del Webb's Sun City Summerlin and Sun City MacDonald Ranch, both market only to active seniors 55 years old and better.

Within the last few years, publications from all over the country have recognized Las Vegas' stature as a retirement haven. Retirement Places Rated ranked Las Vegas as the nation's most desirable

retirement destination, citing leisure activities, climate, housing costs and personal safety among the rated categories. Your Money also listed Las Vegas among the best retirement locations.

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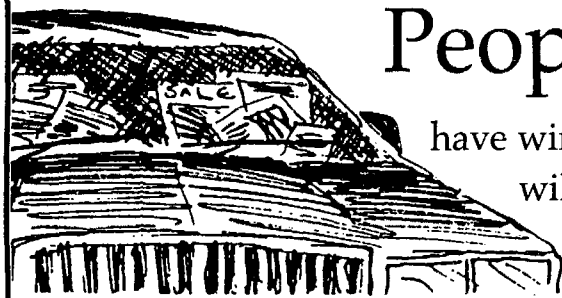
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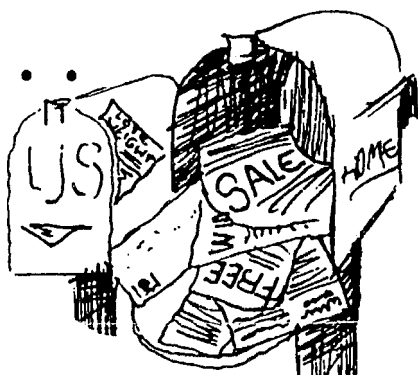
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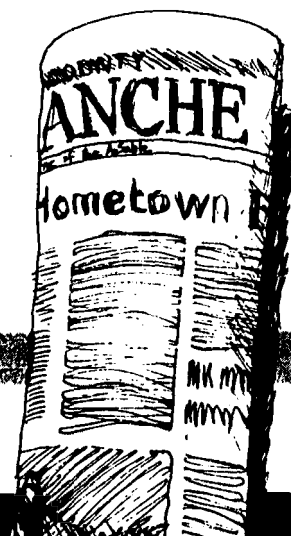
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GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

IN A PINCH

Burning pain in the forefoot, shooting pain, and dull, pervasive ache are some of the most commonly described symptoms of a neuroma. The source of the pain is an enlargement of the sheath that surrounds one (or more) of the intermetatarsal nerves. The most common location is the area between the third and fourth toes and metatarsals. This particular site is most vulnerable because it is the thickest and is the junction of several different nerves. This condition is often caused by shoes that cramp the toes, causing a pinching of these nerves. Pronation of the foot may also exacerbate this condition. Your podiatrist may provide relief with orthotics, steroid injections, or, in severe cases, surgical removal of the neuroma. It's hard to ignore the burning pain of a

neuroma and other foot conditions or injuries, especially when every step places weight and pressure on the affected area. Don't wait for the pain and the problem to disappear. Most likely they won't and you'll be left with a worse condition than when the problem was still new and relatively minor. A better strategy is to call GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C. at 922-9100 & (800) 968-7440 for experienced attention to your foot concerns. We're located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. P.S. Prevention of this neuroma may, in many cases, be as simple as selecting shoes with an amply wide toe box.

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 10-16

ARIES March 21-April 20

This is the week to take a look at your financial situation and decide where you want to head this year. Stay away from the gossip mill at work this week. Otherwise, it could mean some sticky problems for you in the workplace.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Remember when you promised your family your undivided attention? Well, the holidays are over, so it's time to make good on your promise. Take a creative approach to that time together. Try something new that everyone will enjoy.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Be on your best behavior this week at work. Do everything you can to cooperate with the plans or moves under way. Give some time to a special friend this week. It will be a great break for you and will improve your friend's week as well.

CANCER June 22-July 22

This is the week to put your health first. It's time to see a doctor about a problem that's been bugging you. It will help put your mind at ease. It's also a good week to take care of those minor chores you've been putting off at home.

LEO July 23-August 23

It's time to take a step back at work. You've been overdoing it, and your personal life is starting to suffer. This would be a great time to get away for a weekend or longer. Put work on the back burner for a few days and enjoy the time away.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

You've been putting off a major decision for too long. It's time to get on the right track, listen to some friendly advice and make your decision. It's not going to get any easier. Once you've made your decision, do something special for yourself.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

Keep your eyes and ears open at work. Changes may be on the horizon and could affect your job and personal life. You've been thinking about an old friend lately. Get in touch with him/her. It might just help relieve the stress of work.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Pay attention to the demands of those who are counting on you. Don't look at it as a chore. A new attitude on your part will definitely work wonders. Escape with your partner or a friend for a few days at the end of the week, and your attitude will change.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Don't let the week pass without trying something new and different. You've been in a rut. Take a jump and get out of it. It's a good week to forget some of those ideas that have been ingrained in your head for too long. Think of a new approach.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

It might be best for you to postpone that special occasion you had planned. It will actually go a lot better, and you'll enjoy it much more, if you reschedule for a later date. This is not the week to let your finances go. Stay on top of things.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

There's nothing wrong with speaking your mind, just try to be considerate about it. Try not to hurt someone else's feelings with your words. Seek the advice of a financial professional, not a friend, and finalize some decisions.

PISCES February 19-March 20

A change of circumstances might be just what you need this week. Whether you take the family or head out on your own, make it an adventure. Check your calendar and don't forget a close friend's special day. It's right around the corner.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

APPLE RAISIN RICE PUDDING

1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup water
2 apples, peeled & cored
1 egg
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup milk
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground allspice
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 cups rice cooked in milk*
1/2 cup raisins

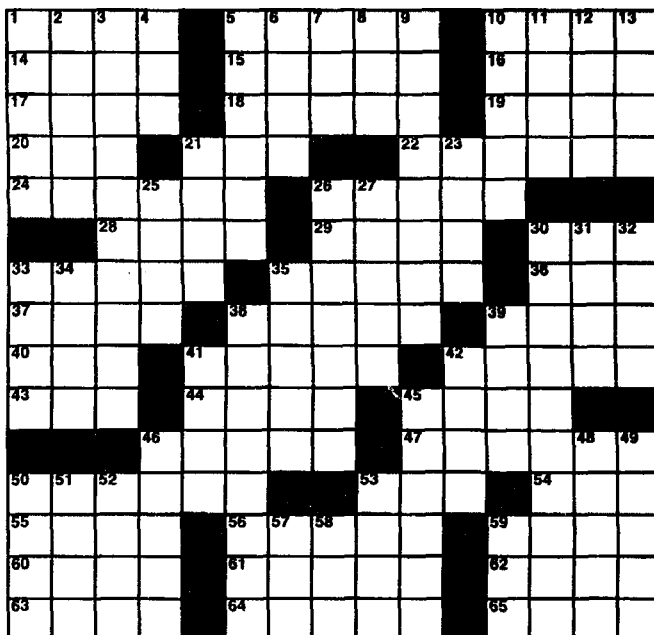
1. Preheat oven to 300°.
2. In a saucepan, melt 1/2 cup sugar over medium heat, stirring constantly until it turns a deep amber color. Be careful not to burn. 3. Add water and stir until

smooth. Cut apple into 1/4 inch slices and add to caramelized sugar. Reduce heat to low and simmer 8 minutes. Remove from heat. 4. In a bowl, whisk together egg, egg yolk and remaining 1/2 cup sugar. Stir in milk, cream, spices, rice and raisins. 5. Butter 4 timbale molds or ceramic ramekins. Line the inside of each with the caramelized apples. Fill with rice mixture. Place in pan filled with 1 inch warm water. 6. Bake in oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until set. Cool slightly. 7. Unmold and serve.
* Cook rice according to package directions substituting milk for the water



HOME NEEDED - These two Husky mixes were found on Stephan Bridge Rd. They are walking skeletons. If you have information about who owned them, please phone the shelter at 348-4117. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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ACROSS

- Body cavities
- Bevels
- Military disguise
- Actress Jessica
- Hawaiian greeting
- Open
- Rumanian city
- Nocturnal badgerlike carnivore of wooded regions of Africa and S. Asia
- Sometimes you've got to just ... the facts
- Junior: shortened form
- Actor ... Stiller
- Vertebrates
- Digressions
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Paves the asphalt
- Plant part
- Baby bear
- Mirthful
- Zodiacal ram
- Macaws
- Taxis
- Faces
- First Chinese dynasty
- Signing
- Danger
- Reddish long-tailed monkey of W. Africa
- "Fee, ... Foe, Fum"
- Paul Bunyan's pets
- One who departs
- Capture
- Loss of electricity, with "power"

DOWN

- Largest crested screamer
- Gains
- Word to describe one who donates
- Not or
- Stroke
- Aida, actor
- "To be or ... to be..."
- One and only
- Wages
- Restaurants
- A mythical Greek hero
- Medieval spiked club
- Minerals
- One part of the famed "Sesame Street" duo

- Politicians: shortened form
- Reporter Rather et al.
- Small, tightly-packed fishes
- Spirit in The Tempest
- Spying
- Diseased urinary condition
- Sheep sounds
- Canadian flyers
- Romanian city
- Gets up
- Eroticism
- A minute amount (Scott)
- Odd
- Thick cushion used as a seat
- Trendy facial hair styling
- Smoothly agreeable and polite
- Cannabis
- ... on, encouraged
- Blackjack
- Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper
- In the ... winning
- Unit of weight near the Mediterranean
- Animal represented by the constellation Aries
- Visual metaphor (Computers)
- Live and let ...

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO January 8, 1976

The Union leaders and members of Bear Archery have agreed to extend the current agreement on a day to day basis, subject to cancellation by either party upon 48 hours written notice, according to Gary Swanson, President, Bear Archery Employees Association.

The 1976 Canoe Racing "Super Saturday" Scheduled ... Grayling will host the start of three World Championship Marathon Canoe Races on Saturday, July 31, 1976.

Dr. Allison has been recommended for bibliographical inclusion in the "Dictionary of International Biography," published by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.

Dr. Allison was Fish Pathologist in charge of the Grayling Research Station, D.N.R. and retired in 1971 after 30 years of service.

With the new snow over the weekend, skiing at Bear Mountain is in full swing, according to Joseph Stripe, manager of operation. The T-Bar at the park will be in operation for the first time since the new non-profit organization took over the operation of the skiing last winter.

After a long Christmas vacation, the Grayling Matmen came right back and traveled to Boyne City Monday night to beat the Ramblers 42-22.

The Robert H. Albert Memorial Scholarship offered annually by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives, has been awarded to Mike Steele, Manager of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Grayling area will be featured on Michigan Outdoors both Thursday, January 8 and Thursday,

January 15. The program airs on WWTW, Channel 9 at 7:30 p.m.

46 YEARS AGO January 8, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Art Crouch and family spent the week-end between Christmas and New Years in Bad Axe with relatives. The three oldest Crouch children stayed at the Lutz home in Grayling during their absence.

Sandra Newell returned home Sunday after spending the holidays in Pontiac.

Russell Caid and two friends of Detroit spent the weekend in Lovells. While here they enjoyed rabbit hunting.

The Otis Weavers had a family gathering Christmas, entertaining their children and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng and Allan visited their daughter and sister, the Guy Kelloggs, at Saginaw for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee and daughter returned Monday after spending the holiday week-end with his mother, Mrs. William Zimmerman.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gildner at Mercy Hospital on December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parker of Roscommon announced the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital on December 29.

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson and twins Lynn Mary and Leslie Carl left last Tuesday after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick have returned home after spending the holidays in Manitowac, Wisconsin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Steffen.

69 YEARS AGO January 9, 1930

Mr. and Mrs. David White returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit with relatives in Saginaw, where they had been for several weeks.

John Westerholm of Erie, Pen., spent Christmas and New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Hendrickson.

Misses Ella and Margrethe Hanson, who enjoyed a pleasant Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson returned Saturday of U of M to resume their studies.

Grayling experienced a real January thaw the first of the week.

The affirmative debate squad of the Grayling High School will meet the negative debate team at West Branch Friday evening.

There will be a basketball game Friday evening, January 10, at the school gymnasium between Mancelona and Grayling.

92 YEAR AGO January 10, 1907

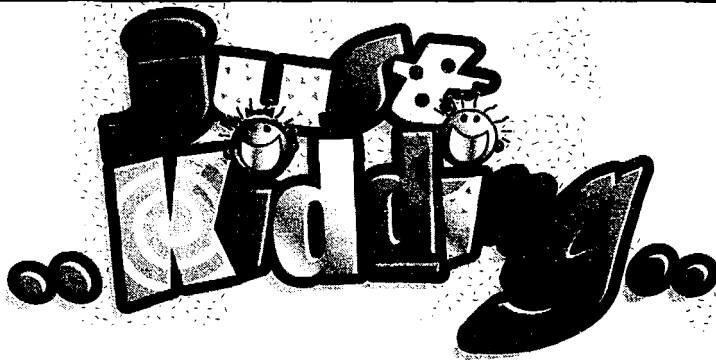
M. Hanson made a flying business trip to Saginaw the last of the week.

A. C. Michelson started for Monro, La., yesterday in the lumber interests of the County.

Judge Sharp of West Branch was in the village Friday and a welcome caller at our sanctum.

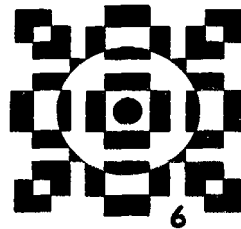
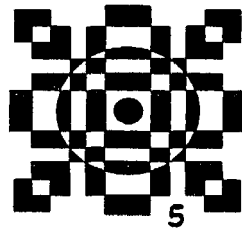
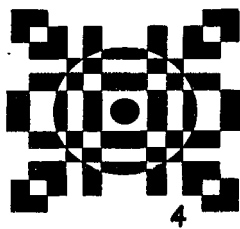
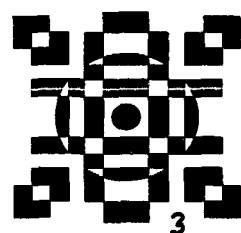
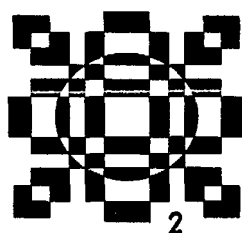
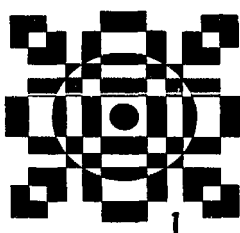
Messrs. Hanson, Michelson and Olson returned from their trip to Louisiana last week and reported an enjoyable respite from the cold weather here.

Mrs. Paul Lovely and her daughter, May, have returned to their home in New Toledo.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Answer: One and Five



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
12/30	30	-2	2"	6"
12/31	11	1	3/4"	5"
1/1	15	-13	2"	7"
1/2	9	-17		7"
1/3	21	-16	11"	18"
1/4	21	8	3"	19"
1/5	32	18	1"	20"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will have a chance of show with the high 20 to 25 and the low 5 to 15. Friday will have a chance of snow with the high in the mid 20s to low 30s and the low in the teens to low 20s. Saturday will have a chance of snow, possibly mixed with rain, with the high 25 to 35 and the low in the teens to upper 20s.

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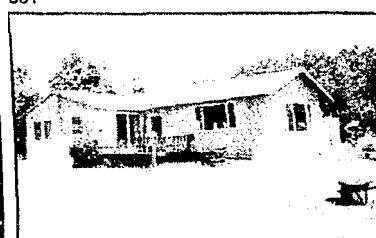
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offering 1,056 sq. ft. of living space. Features include large dining room and spacious kitchen. City water and sewer, plus well for drinking water in house. Appliances include stove refrigerator, washer and dryer, large backyard and new vinyl siding. **\$42,000 CS-882**



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AFFORDABLE CABIN NEAR MANISTEE & AUSABLE RIVER. Ideal Snowmobile or Hunting cottage. Located on county maintained road. No septic or plumbing. Bath with a path. All contents and furnishings included. **\$17,900 CH-840**



ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!! 2.5 acres on Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Twp. 26x32 horse barn with loft, fencing, electric. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1,952 sq. ft., basement, deck, covered porch, gas & wood heat, large garden area, hardwoods at rear of property. Price Reduced **\$72,500 CH-791**



162' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE. Spectacular view. Completely remodeled home has new carpet, new deck, new roof, 3 years old, screened porch overlooking the river, hot tub, washer and dryer negotiable. Air conditioner, 2 car garage with workshop, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on 2 1/2 acres on a private wooded setting. **\$93,000 CS-884**



10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from waters edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Back fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2' without patio doors. Price Reduced **\$139,500 CS-872**



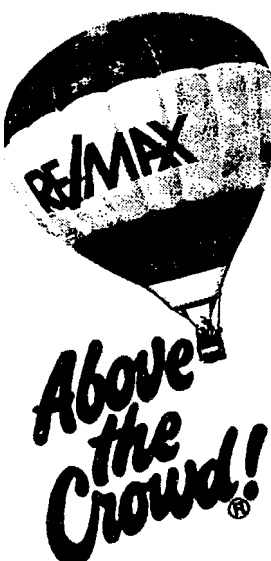
AUSABLE RIVER EAST BRANCH APPROX. 500' FRONTAGE. 1,750 sq. ft., 4 bedroom log home with beamed knotty pine vaulted ceiling in living room and kitchen. Split stone fireplace, 9' doorway onto deck of master bedroom. Screened in porch with excellent view of river, bunk house, 2 car attached garage and bridge across river. Additional acreage available. **\$139,500 CH-855**



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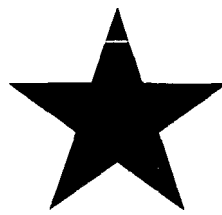


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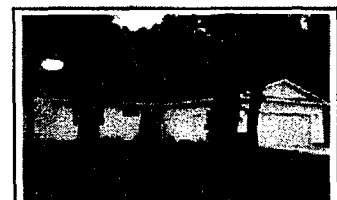
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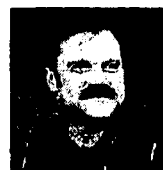


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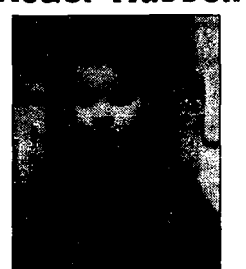


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